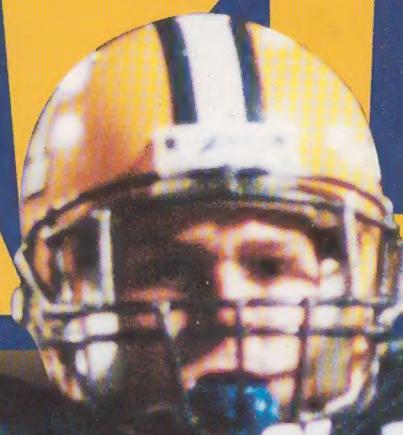
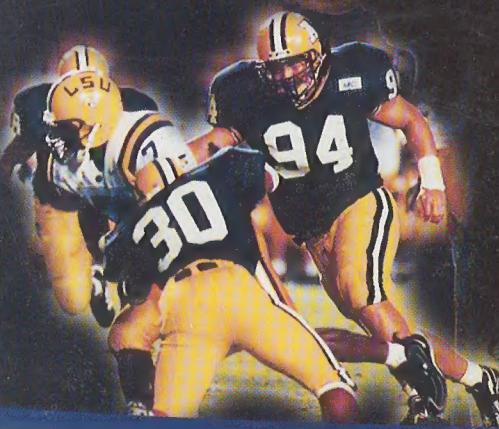


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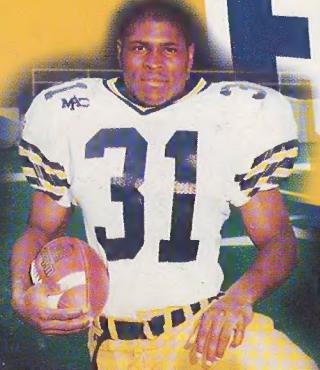
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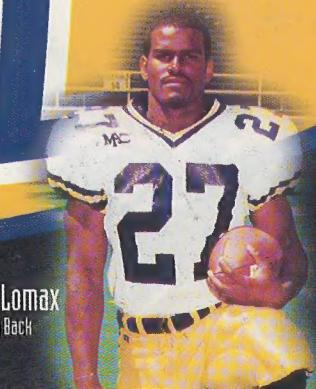
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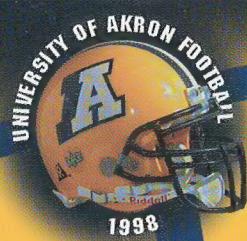
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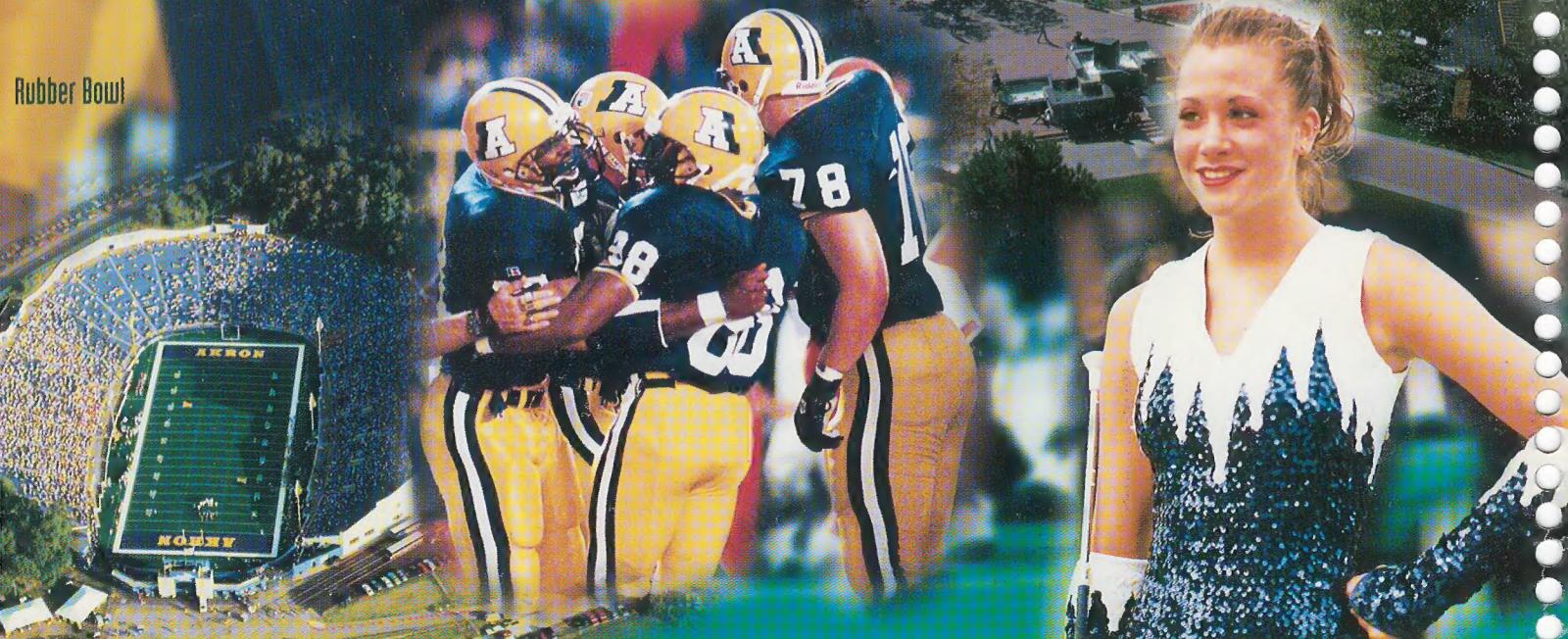
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| S 5 | MARSHALL* | (Acme-Zip) | 7 p.m. |
| S 12 | at Temple | (Franklin Field) | 4 p.m. |
| S 26 | BALL STATE* | | 7 p.m. |
| O 3 | at Pittsburgh | 3:30 p.m. | |
| O 10 | at Kent*(TV)..... | noon | |
| O 17 | at Ohio*..... | 2 p.m. | |
| O 24 | TOLEDO*(Homecoming) (TV) ... | noon | |
| O 31 | at Central Michigan* | 1 p.m. | |
| N 7 | at Bowling Green* | noon | |
| N 14 | E. MICHIGAN | 1:30 p.m. | |
| N 21 | MIAMI* | 1:30 p.m. | |

(* MAC games, Times are ET)

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On the cover: Senior captain (#26) Mike Lagasse, action from the '97 LSU and Nebraska games, Andre McCray and Greg Lomax. Inside front: Collage, head coach Lee Owens. Inside back: Victor Green, Jason Taylor and NFL hopeful Jamie Reader. Back cover: Zip offensive linemen.

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UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Akron, Ohio 44325
Population: 223,000 in NE Ohio
Year Founded: 1870
Enrollment: 23,538
President: Dr. Marion A. Ruebel
Alma Mater: Northern Iowa, '58

ATHLETICS INFORMATION

Athletic Director: TBA
Phone: 330/972-7080
Head Coach: Lee Owens
Alma Mater: Bluffton, '77
Record at UA: 8-25 (3 years)
Overall College: same
High School: 89-32-2 (11 years)
Football Office Phone: 330/972-7466
National Affiliation: NCAA Division I-A
Conference: Mid-American (MAC)
 East Division (Akron, Bowling Green, Kent Marshall, Miami, Ohio)

COACHING STAFF

Greg Gillum (Ohio State, '83)
wide receivers, recruiting coordinator
Bobby Johnson (Miami (O.), '95)
defensive line
Bob Morris (Colorado, '77)
pass defense coordinator, secondary
Joe Palmisano (Iowa State, '76)
assoc. head coach, defensive coord.
John Peterson (Ohio State, '91)
offensive line
Tom Stacy (Bowling Green, '81)
quarterbacks
Mike Williams (Iowa State, '77)
linebackers, special teams
Paul Winters (Akron, '80)
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UA SPRING GAME

Fullback Arlene Culler rushed for three touchdowns and tailback Bo Hunter added 153 yards and two scores as the Blue defeated the Gold, 39-20, in the annual University of Akron spring football game April 18 at the Rubber Bowl.

Aside from the fact it was well played (no fumbles lost, one INT) and entertaining, the most satisfying aspect of the game for Zip head coach Lee Owens was that there were no serious injuries. A year ago, two Zips — TB David Polk and DE Jacob Thompson — sustained ACL knee injuries in the spring game and both missed the entire '97 season.

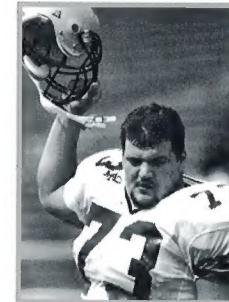
The Gold surprisingly led at halftime, 14-13, behind tailback Ben Ruhlin's 95 first-half all-purpose yards and fullback Tony McCray, who rambled 26 yards for a score.

The Blue rallied in the second half, using the big-play passing attack of James Washington and the rushing trio of Culler, Hunter and Mike Lagasse. Washington finished 7-of-13 passing for 223 yards and hooked up four times with senior WR Carl Whitt for 136 yards. Washington ran his record to 2-0 as a spring game QB. The Blue finished the day with 534 yards of offense compared to 247 for the Gold.

Freshman QB Ryan Uhlenhake led the Gold and had a fine day throwing the ball, completing 8-of-13 passes, with a beautiful 51-yard TD strike to Shaun Black in the fourth quarter. Junior WR Gregg Peugeot was a big-play performer for the Gold as well, carrying twice for 26 yards and completing one pass (to Ruhlin) for 17 yards.

Defensive standouts were DB Rich Reliford with seven tackles and two pass break-ups for the Blue, and DL Aaron Brown with six stops and a QB sack for nine yards lost for the Gold. Gold LB Ed March returned the game's only INT 26 yards to midfield.

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| Gold | 7 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 20 |
| Blue | 7 | 6 | 13 | 13 | 39 |



Paul Ondrusak

Scoring Summary

B- Bo Hunter 11 run (Zac Derr kick)
G- Tony McCray 26 run (Nick Jamison kick)
B- Bo Hunter 1 run (two-point try failed)
G- Brady Oaks 1 run (Nick Jamison kick)
B- Arlene Culler 5 run (two-point try failed)
B- Willie Spencer 50 pass from James Washington (Zac Derr kick)
B- Arlene Culler 1 run (kick blocked)
G- Shaun Black 51 pass from Ryan Uhlenhake (two-point try failed)
B- Arlene Culler 11 run (Mike Perlosky kick)

Rushing: **Gold-** Ben Ruhlin 13-67, Tony McCray 6-42, Greg Peugeot 2-26, Nevara Smith 5-12, Brady Oaks 5-10, Matt White 1-4, Hugh Thomas 1-2, Stan Cwalinski 2-(2), Ryan Uhlenhake 2-(18). **Blue-** Bo Hunter 25-153, Mike Lagasse 8-77, Jon Eaton 4-34, Arlene Culler 6-32, Willie Spencer 2-15, Lavel Bailey 1-6, James Washington 1-(9). **Totals-** **Gold-** 37-143. **Blue-** 47-308.

Passing: **Gold-** Ryan Uhlenhake 8-for-13, 87 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT. Gregg Peugeot 1-1, 17 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT. Brady Oaks 1-2, 0 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT. Stan Cwalinski 0-2, 0 yards, 0 TD, 0 INT. **Blue-** James Washington 7-for-13, 223 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT. Jon Eaton 1-3, 3 yards, 0 TD, 1 INT.

Receiving: **Gold-** Shaun Black 4-62, Ben Ruhlin 4-41, Tim Ritley 1-8, Matt White 1-(7). **Blue-** Carl Whitt 4-136, Willie Spencer 2-73, Lavel Bailey 2-17.

Tackles: **Gold-** Julius Lancaster 6-2-8, Aaron Brown 6-0-6, Derek Wilborn 5-1-6, Shauntel Lodge 5-0-5. **Blue-** Kevin Vaughn 7-1-8, Rich Reliford 5-2-7, George Germany 6-0-6, John Lurtz 5-0-5, George Cameron 5-0-5, Andre McCray 4-1-5.

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

1997 Record: 2-9
1997 MAC Record: 2-6 (6th, MAC East)

Stadium: Rubber Bowl (1940)
Capacity: 35,202 (Artificial Turf)

Letter Winners Returning/Lost:

Offense: 24/7 (includes PK)
 Defense: 24/6 (includes P)

Starters Returning/Lost:

Offense: (Offset-I)
 Defense: (50)

1997 RESULTS (2-9, 2-6 MAC*)

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| A 30 | Nebraska 59, Akron 14 |
| S 13 | Miami 49, Akron 20* |
| S 20 | Bowling Green 31, Akron 28* |
| S 27 | LSU 56, Akron 0 |
| O 4 | Akron 53, Central Michigan 14* |
| O 11 | Marshall 52, Akron 17* |
| O 18 | Eastern Michigan 45, Akron 0 |
| O 25 | Ohio 21, Akron 17* |
| N 1 | Ball State 31, Akron 14* |
| N 8 | Akron 45, Kent 35* |
| N 15 | Toledo 42, Akron 10* |

MISSION STATEMENT

Our program is based on the values of family, successful attitudes and team chemistry:



Family: We believe in honesty, integrity, strength of character, care and confidence. **Attitude:** We embrace a commitment to excellence, loyalty, selflessness, trust and humility. **Chemistry:** We teach overcoming adversity, establishing priorities, goal setting, and the value of diversity. The Akron Football Family is where there is shared responsibilities, care and discipline and an absence of special privileges.

MAC TV GAMES

Two Zip football games are a part of the MAC's 13-game television package to be carried by FOX Sports. UA's "Wagon Wheel" date at Kent on Oct. 10 and the Zips' Homecoming matchup with defending MAC West champion Toledo on Oct. 24 are among this year's TV games.

Last year's Motor City Bowl, televised by ESPN on Dec. 26, attracted the 10th highest rating among college football's 21 bowl games. Mississippi defeated Marshall, 34-31. The MAC Championship Game had been carried on ESPN2.

BUFFALO WINGS ANYONE?

The State University of New York at Buffalo will bring the number of universities in the Mid-American Conference to 13 when it joins the conference for the 1998-99 academic year. UB will participate in the MAC in all of its sports except football. The grid Bulls will join for the 1999 season.

Buffalo, which has an enrollment of 27,000, will compete in the MAC East Division. A Division I-AA program, the Bulls got a "snoot full" of MAC football in 1997 when the Ohio Bobcats blanked them 50-0 in Athens. Under the direction of UB graduate Craig Cirbus, a former assistant at Penn State, the Bulls were 3-8 in 1995, 8-3 in '96 and posted a 2-9 log last fall. UB's school colors are royal blue and white. The MAC is now the nation's fourth largest conference in terms of total enrollment at better than 275,000. With more than 50 years of tradition and situated in six states, MAC schools have a combined alumni base in excess of 1.5 million.



COACHING STAFF UPDATE

Last March, UA football coach Lee Owens announced two changes in his coaching staff for the 1998 season.

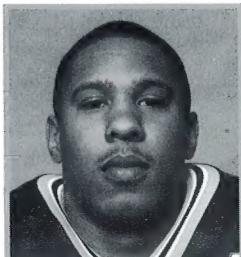
Joe Palmisano, a member of Owens' staff for three seasons, was promoted to defensive coordinator. The Zips' secondary coach in 1997, Palmisano replaces David Snowball, who resigned his post in early February.

Bob Morris, an assistant coach in the Big Ten for 13 seasons at Purdue and Indiana, is new to the staff and will coordinate UA's pass defense.

Palmisano served as recruiting coordinator and wide receivers coach in 1995 and '96, before being elevated to associate head coach and secondary coach for the 1997 season. Morris served as defensive coordinator at Purdue for three seasons under Jim Colletto and as secondary coach and special teams coach at Indiana for 10 years under Bill Mallory. IU played in six bowl games during Morris' stay, including victories in the Liberty and Copper Bowls.

READER SIGNS FREE AGENT

Akron Zip fullback **Jamie Reader** signed a free agent contract with the Arizona Cardinals in late April. He hopes to join former Zip stars **Victor Green** and **Jason Taylor** on Opening Day National Football League rosters in 1998. A native of Monessen, Pa., Reader shared the Zips' Outstanding Senior Award last fall with his roommate Corey Christian. The bruising 6-1, 238-pounder accumulated more than 1,000 yards of offense during his Zip career and was invited to the 1998 Hula Bowl.



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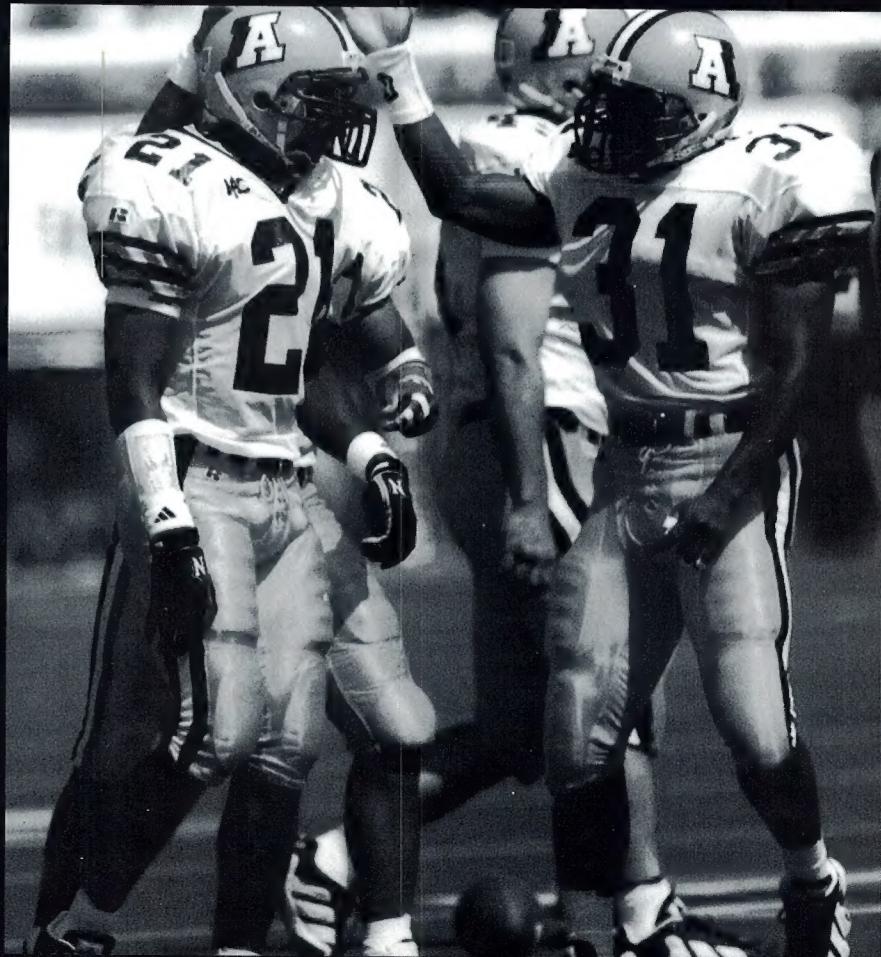
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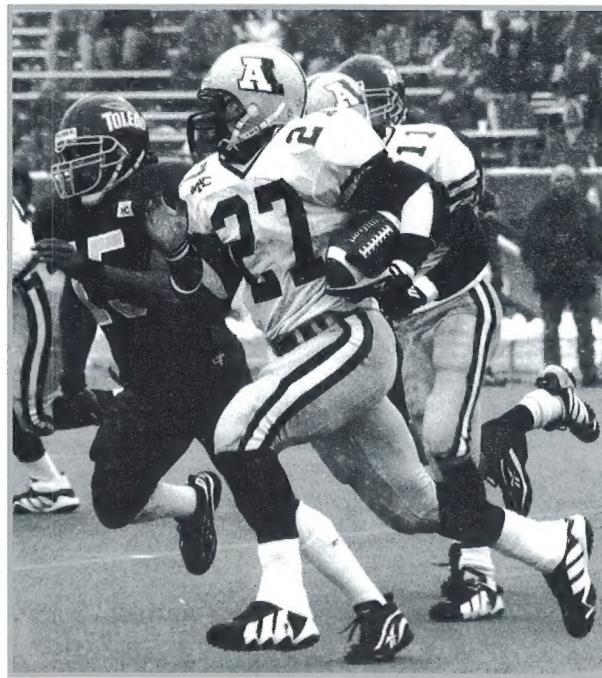
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Redrick redshirted last fall. Talented sophomores Lou Banks (6-2, 190) and speedster Jimmie Gray might be a bit rusty, but they'll give the Zips two more big-play options. Owens still is not satisfied with his team's production at tight end, but in fairness to incumbent Chuck Webb, last year was his first at the position. Redshirt freshmen Tim Ritley has put on weight, had a great winter conditioning season and could be the long-term answer. Sophomore Jeremy Connor and redshirt freshman Joe Beyke probably need more seasoning. The team's greatest strength is its offensive line. Becoming a cohesive, effective unit, the Zips' five-man front returns intact, with four blockers tipping the scales at 300 pounds. They yielded just 10 quarterback sacks all of last season and pounded out rushing totals of 470 yards vs. Kent and 306 yards vs. Ohio (the MAC's No. 1 defense against the run). Senior Kevin Kuntz (a converted TE at 277 pounds), a first-team All-MAC pick by *Football News*, and junior Dan Wessman are two of the best guards in the conference. Senior center Bill Hildebrand has improved his mobility. Junior Steve Hale is an athletic big man expected to play quick tackle. Another QT prospect Joe Trudeau (6-8, 312) is a fine pass blocker, while junior strong tackle Rex Pyles is an excellent run blocker. Junior Brock Knisely, an Academic All-MAC pick, has been the team's long snapper and can fill in at guard or center. Burly sophomore letterman Paul Ondrusk experimented with playing DT, but has returned to the offensive line. Two redshirt freshmen — center Scott Smith and guard George Harris — had great off-seasons and are pushing for duty as well. Guard Thomas McBride has shed some pounds and improved his strength. Sophomore guard Chad Smith missed most of last season with a shoulder strain. Two redshirt freshmen — both Northeast Ohio products — Jeff Grzeskowiak and Paul Salvino are being groomed for the future.



The Zips are working to get their edge back on the defensive side of the ball.

games deep into '97, but it was too late.

"The (defensive) statistics that we had a year ago, I've not put as much stock into those as what we were able to do two years ago," says Owens. "We went up against a lot of really good passing teams with veteran quarterbacks that put big numbers up against every team they played. It had a tendency to throw those statistics out of whack. We didn't put pressure on the quarterback which I thought was a more realistic statistic — we had one sack in every 45 pass attempts (seven total) and it needs to be closer to one out of every 15."

The biggest holes to fill are along the defensive line, where three seniors completed their eligibility. Four veterans do return, including nose tackles Jamey Bennett and Anthony Slimon, and ends Ron Smith (three TFLs) and Jeremy Maxa. Bowling Green State transfer John Lurtz is

Defense

Defensively, Akron could not get its opponents stopped in 1997, yielding 177.5 more yards per game compared to '96, and went from No. 3 in the MAC to No. 12 in total defense. Akron coaches missed rush end Jason Taylor last fall more than they thought they would.

It's back to the drawing board. And the five-letter word scrawled in blue and gold magic marker is SPEED. Zip coaches recognized the need for more team speed four

an excellent tackler who will move from linebacker to end. Sophomores Jamie O'Neill (tackle) and Shawn Klik (end) will be given every opportunity to win a job. Akron Central Hower product Jermaine Williams (6-2, 310) will battle for time at a down line spot. Juco DL Will Scott (6-6, 265) is expected to make a contribution. Priority for the "D-Line": generate a better pass rush.

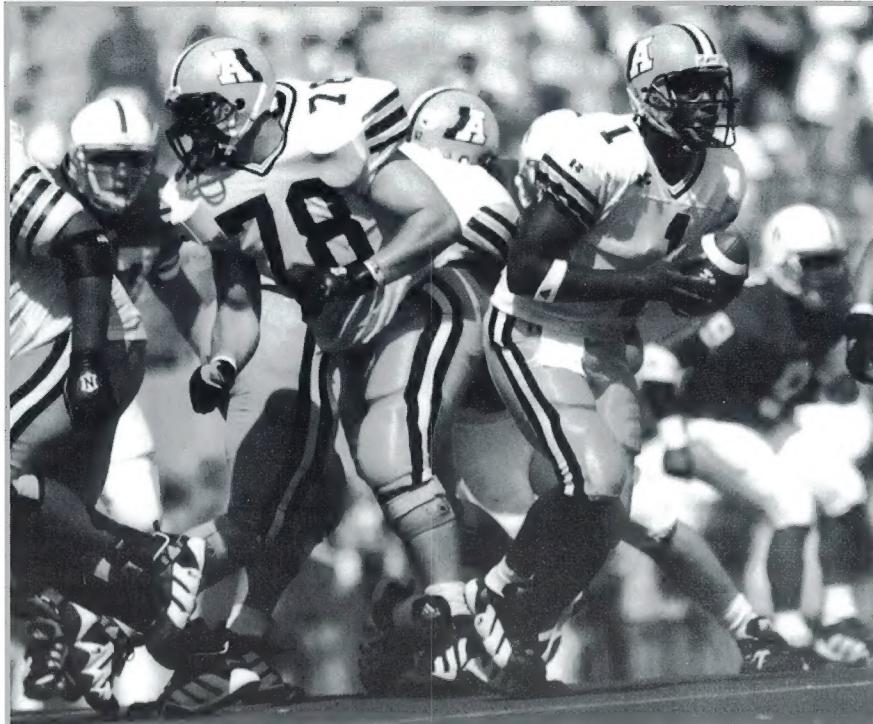
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never were able to find that a year ago," says Owens. "This year, we need to find that right group of players to put out there. Sometimes, it's not necessarily your best 11, it's your 11 that work the best together."

Junior starting linebackers Bill Burke and George Cameron will be pushed for playing time in 1998. Redshirt freshman Aaron Brown resembled a young Jason Taylor during the spring game and goes into August drills No. 1 on the depth chart at DE/OLB, along with Cameron.

Sophomore Derek Wilborn was inserted into the starting lineup at mid-season last fall in an effort to get more speed on the field. Formerly a member of the Zips' rotation at OLB, senior Eric Small separated his shoulder late last season. Senior Ellery Bradford has beaten the odds so far, and could work his way onto the two-deep. Junior college linebackers James Cochran and Louis Mackey, both from California, are fast, talented and expected to play. Junior Brad King suffered a season-ending knee injury midway through spring practice.

The strongest aspect of Akron's defense is thought to be its secondary. Senior All-MAC candidate Andre McCray (73 tackles, five TFLs) is a ferocious hitter from his strong safety spot. Corners Jerome Cargile (86 tackles), a senior, and Rich Reliford (two INTs), a sophomore, can get the job done. Senior free safety



Quick guard Kevin Kuntz (78) and quarterback James "Butchie" Washington (seen here at Nebraska) are among nine offensive starters returning for the Zips.

George Germany is a sure tackler with plenty of experience. Speedy sophomore Dwight Smith is a cornerback capable of returning kicks. Junior Julius Lancaster and sophomore Shauntel Lodge saw spot duty last fall. Two solid performers — junior Jon Eaton (left ankle) and sophomore Mike Hughes (shoulder) — are coming back from injuries which forced each to take a medical redshirt last fall.

Special Teams

Jamie Stidham has graduated, leaving the kickoff and field goal duties up for grabs between redshirt freshman Zac Derr and veteran Nick Jamison. Akron converted just five field goals (in 10 tries) last fall.

Senior punter Mike Hayes can lower the boom when it comes to distance (first in the MAC last fall at 43.8 yards per kick), but needs to refine his short game. The Zips were last in the league in net punt.

The Zips have been so determined to protect Hayes that they've given up considerable yardage on the return side — a whopping 15-yard average in '97. Conversely, kickoff coverage has been solid, with last season's long being 32 yards.

Kick snappers Brock Knisely and Scott Smith are capable.

There are plenty of candidates to return kicks. Lagasse ranked sixth among MAC kick returners a year ago at 23.9 yards per

try and had four returns of 35 or more yards. Dwight Smith and Lomax are capable of going coast to coast. Reliford has sure hands and great quickness for punt returns. Smith and Whitt both have handled punts before.

Schedule

The Zips play a more manageable schedule this season, with five home dates and nonconference road games against Big East foes Temple and Pittsburgh.

Akron opens against defending MAC champion Marshall in the 45th Acme-Zip Game on Sept. 5 at the Rubber Bowl. UA has dropped its last two Acme-Zip battles by three points each time, after a thrilling 16-13 win over defending MAC champion Central Michigan in 1995.

The Zips play at Temple (Sept. 12) before an off week in the schedule. Akron then plays nine straight weeks, beginning with a home contest against Ball State on Sept. 26. A three-game road stretch begins with Pittsburgh (Oct. 3), followed by MAC East games at Kent (Oct. 10) and Ohio (Oct. 17). Toledo is UA's Homecoming opponent on Oct. 24. UA closes the regular season with home games against Eastern Michigan (Nov. 14) — a nonconference game — and Miami (Nov. 21). The Kent and Toledo games (both noon starts) are a part of the MAC television package.

1998 SPRING DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | |
|----|----|----------------------------------|
| SE | 88 | Lavel Bailey (So., 5-10, 180) |
| | 22 | Nevara Smith (So., 6-0, 195) |
| QT | 64 | Steve Hale (Jr., 6-3, 330) |
| | 79 | Joe Trudeau (So., 6-8, 312) |
| QG | 78 | Kevin Kuntz (Sr., 6-4, 277) |
| | 62 | Brock Knisely (Jr., 6-2, 280) |
| C | 70 | Bill Hildebrand (Sr., 6-4, 312) |
| | 50 | Scott Smith (R-Fr., 6-4, 275) |
| SG | 60 | Dan Wessman (Jr., 6-2, 306) |
| | 65 | George Harris (R-Fr., 6-2, 285) |
| ST | 71 | Rex Pyles (Jr., 6-5, 315) |
| | 76 | Thomas McBride (So., 6-4, 315) |
| TE | 98 | Chuck Webb (Sr., 6-5, 270) |
| | 82 | Tim Ritley (R-Fr., 6-3, 238) |
| SE | 11 | Carl Whitt (Sr., 6-0, 185) |
| | 8 | Gregg Peugeot (Jr., 6-2, 200) |
| QB | 1 | James Washington (So., 6-1, 203) |
| | 12 | Ryan Uhlenhake (R-Fr., 6-0, 195) |
| RB | 26 | Mike Lagasse (Sr., 5-9, 192) |
| | 45 | Arlune Culler (So., 5-10, 235) |
| RB | 27 | Greg Lomax (Sr., 5-10, 194) |
| | 33 | Bo Hunter (Jr., 5-9, 193) |
| PK | 14 | Zac Derr (R-Fr., 5-8, 145) |
| | 19 | Nick Jamison (Jr., 6-0, 180) |

DEFENSE

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|----|----|----------------------------------|
| DE | 54 | John Lurtz (Tr.-Fr., 6-2, 250) |
| | 91 | Jason Wiggins (So., 6-4, 260) |
| DT | 95 | Ron Smith (Jr., 6-4, 265) |
| | 73 | Paul Ondrussek (So., 6-3, 300) |
| NT | 92 | Jamey Bennett (Sr., 5-11, 275) |
| | 63 | Anthony Slimon (Jr., 5-11, 285) |
| DE | 94 | Jeremy Maxa (Sr., 6-3, 260) |
| | 97 | Jamie O'Neill (So., 6-3, 255) |
| LB | 99 | Aaron Brown (R-Fr., 6-8, 220) |
| | 58 | Ellery Bradford (Sr., 5-9, 235) |
| LB | 7 | George Cameron (Jr., 6-0, 221) |
| | 53 | Derek Wilborn (So., 6-0, 230) |
| LB | 36 | Richard Jones (Jr., 6-1, 200) |
| | 17 | Kevin Vaughn (So., 5-11, 190) |
| CB | 30 | Rich Reliford (So., 5-9, 180) |
| | 15 | Dwight Smith (So., 5-11, 195) |
| SS | 31 | Andre McCray (Sr., 5-10, 185) |
| | 20 | Mike Hughes (So., 6-1, 200) |
| FS | 23 | George Germany (Sr., 5-11, 190) |
| | 29 | Julius Lancaster (Jr., 6-1, 200) |
| CB | 21 | Jerome Cargile (Sr., 6-0, 176) |
| | 4 | Rickie Coble (R-Fr., 5-11, 180) |
| P | 37 | Mike Hayes (Sr., 6-3, 200) |
| | 87 | Mike DeLaney (R-Fr., 6-2, 225) |

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Cl./Eli. | Hometown (High School or Last School) |
|-----|--------------------|-------|------|-----|----------|--|
| 88 | Lavel Bailey* | WR | 5-10 | 180 | So./So. | Cleveland (Kennedy) |
| 83 | Louis Banks | WR | 6- 2 | 190 | So./So. | Alliance |
| 92 | Jamey Bennett*** | DL | 5-11 | 275 | Sr./Sr. | McDonald, Pa. (Fort Cherry) |
| 85 | Joe Beyke | TE | 6- 4 | 250 | So./Fr. | St. Henry |
| 4 | Shaun Black* | WR | 5-10 | 170 | Jr./So. | Southfield, Mich. (Henry Ford) |
| 58 | Ellery Bradford*** | LB | 5- 9 | 235 | Sr./Sr. | Mansfield (Senior) |
| 99 | Aaron Brown | DE | 6- 8 | 220 | So./Fr. | Detroit, Mich. (St. Martin DePorres) |
| 46 | Aaron Buck | LB | 6- 2 | 205 | Fr. | Cleveland (Lakewood St. Edward) |
| 55 | Bill Burke** | LB | 6- 0 | 230 | Sr./Jr. | Lancaster |
| 7 | George Cameron** | LB | 6- 0 | 221 | Sr./Jr. | Alliance |
| 21 | Jerome Cargile*** | DB | 6- 0 | 176 | Sr./Sr. | Cleveland (Chanel) |
| 4 | Rickie Coble | DB | 5-11 | 180 | So./Fr. | Charlotte, N.C. (Hargrave Military) |
| 5 | James Cochran | LB | 6- 2 | 210 | Jr./Jr. | Tampa, Fla. (San Francisco City College) |
| 84 | Jeremy Connor* | TE | 6- 5 | 240 | Jr./So. | Hillsboro, Ill. |
| 45 | Arlene Culler | FB | 5-10 | 235 | Jr./So. | Canton (Walsh University) |
| 5 | Stan Cwalinski | QB | 6- 1 | 185 | So./Fr. | Berea (Midpark) |
| 87 | Mike Delaney | P | 6- 2 | 225 | So./Fr. | Canton (Massillon Jackson) |
| 14 | Zac Derr | PK | 5- 8 | 145 | So./Fr. | Pittsburgh, Pa. (Shaler) |
| 16 | Jon Eaton** | DB/WR | 6- 2 | 195 | Sr./Jr. | Wheelersburg |
| 77 | Ade Edwards | OL | 6- 4 | 270 | So./So. | Springfield/Shawnee |
| 38 | Nick Fortener | FB/LB | 6- 2 | 215 | Fr. | Kettering (Fairmont) |
| 56 | Ryan Gargasz | DL | 6- 6 | 255 | Fr. | Volant, Pa. (Wilmington) |
| 23 | George Germany*** | DB | 5-11 | 190 | Sr./Sr. | Pittsburgh, Pa. (Schenley) |
| 40 | Cedric Golpin | FB/LB | 6- 1 | 200 | Fr. | Cleveland (Lakewood St. Edward) |
| 25 | Jimmie Gray | WR | 5- 7 | 160 | So./So. | Cleveland Heights |
| 18 | Greg Gromek** | QB | 6- 2 | 215 | Jr./Jr. | Chesterland (West Geauga) |
| 72 | Jeff Grzeskowiak | OL | 6- 5 | 290 | So./Fr. | North Olmsted (Holy Name) |
| 64 | Steve Hale** | OL | 6- 3 | 330 | Sr./Jr. | Pittsburgh, Pa. (Perry Traditional) |
| 86 | Nick Hall | TE | 6- 1 | 210 | So./So. | Miamisburg |
| 65 | George Harris | OL | 6- 2 | 285 | So./Fr. | Lorain (Amherst-Steele) |
| 48 | Chris Hauser | DB | 5-10 | 178 | Fr. | Columbus (Bishop Hartley) |
| 37 | Mike Hayes*** | P | 6- 3 | 200 | Sr./Sr. | Elyria (Midview) |
| 70 | Bill Hildebrand*** | OL | 6- 4 | 312 | Sr./Sr. | Louisville |
| 25 | Ryan Huffman | DB | 5-10 | 180 | So./Fr. | Copley (Revere) |
| 20 | Mike Hughes* | DB | 6- 1 | 200 | Jr./So. | New Middleton (Cardinal Mooney) |
| 33 | Bo Hunter* | RB | 5- 9 | 193 | Jr./Jr. | Wilmington, Del. (Milford Academy) |
| 19 | Nick Jamison* | PK | 6- 0 | 180 | Sr./Jr. | Akron (St. Vincent-St. Mary) |
| 43 | Steve Johnson | WR | 6- 1 | 210 | So./So. | Wheelersburg |
| 36 | Richard Jones* | LB | 6- 1 | 200 | Jr./Jr. | Columbus (Beechcroft) |
| 52 | Brad King** | LB | 5-11 | 220 | Jr./Jr. | Dublin (Dublin Scioto) |
| 57 | Shawn Klik* | DL | 6- 3 | 265 | Jr./So. | New Castle, Pa. (Union Area) |
| 62 | Brock Knisely** | OL | 6- 2 | 280 | Jr./Jr. | New Philadelphia |
| 78 | Kevin Kuntz*** | OL | 6- 4 | 277 | Sr./Sr. | Steubenville (Edison) |
| 26 | Mike Lagasse** | RB | 5- 9 | 192 | Sr./Sr. | Hudson (Niskayuna, N.Y.) |
| 29 | Julius Lancaster** | DB | 6- 1 | 200 | Sr./Jr. | Canton (McKinley) |
| 9 | Shauntel Lodge* | DB | 6- 0 | 200 | Jr./So. | Canton (McKinley) |
| 27 | Greg Lomax*** | RB | 5-10 | 194 | Sr./Sr. | Monongahela, Pa. (Ringgold) |
| 61 | Mike Lukanski | DL | 6- 3 | 250 | So./Fr. | McDonald, Pa. (Fort Cherry) |
| 54 | John Lurtz | DL | 6- 2 | 250 | So./Fr. | Medina (Bowling Green State) |
| 49 | Louis Mackey | LB | 6- 2 | 215 | Jr./Jr. | Richmond, Calif. (Gavilan J.C.) |
| 96 | Ed March | LB | 6- 0 | 200 | So./Fr. | Uniontown (Green) |
| 94 | Jeremy Maxa*** | DL | 6- 3 | 260 | Sr./Sr. | Finleyville, Pa. (Thomas Jefferson) |
| 76 | Thomas McBride* | OL | 6- 4 | 315 | Jr./So. | Warrensville Heights |

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER CONTINUED

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Cl./Eli. | Hometown (High School or Last School) |
|-----|--------------------|-------|------|-----|----------|---|
| 31 | Andre McCray*** | DB | 5-10 | 185 | Sr./Sr. | Akron (Buchtel) |
| 44 | Anthony McCray | FB | 5- 8 | 210 | So./Fr. | Akron (Buchtel) |
| 13 | Raymond McCray | RB | 5- 6 | 155 | Fr. | Akron (Buchtel) |
| 51 | Mike Naleppa | DL | 6- 3 | 260 | So./Fr. | McDonald, Pa. (Fort Cherry) |
| 10 | Brady Oaks | QB | 6- 2 | 195 | So./Fr. | Trenton (Edgewood) |
| 97 | Jamie O'Neill* | DL | 6- 3 | 255 | Jr./So. | Norton, Mass. (Milford Academy) |
| 73 | Paul Ondrussek* | OL | 6- 3 | 300 | So./So. | Darlington, Pa. (Blackhawk) |
| 28 | Brandon Payne | RB/DB | 5-10 | 185 | Fr. | Rankin, Pa. (Woodland Hills) |
| 80 | Mike Perlosky | K | 5-11 | 165 | So./Fr. | Steubenville |
| 8 | Gregg Peugeot** | WR | 6- 2 | 200 | Jr./Jr. | Sandusky |
| 32 | David Polk | RB | 6- 2 | 210 | Jr./So. | Edinboro, Pa. (General McLane) |
| 71 | Rex Pyles** | OL | 6- 5 | 315 | Sr./Jr. | Wheelersburg |
| 2 | Victor Redrick | WR | 5-10 | 175 | Sr.Jr. | Massillon (Grand Rapids Comm. College) |
| 30 | Rich Reliford* | DB | 5- 9 | 180 | So./So. | Bolingbrook, Ill. |
| 82 | Tim Ritley | TE | 6- 3 | 238 | So./Fr. | Perry (Lake Perry) |
| 47 | Ben Ruhlin* | RB | 5- 9 | 185 | Jr./So. | Stow |
| 66 | Paul Salvino | OL | 6- 3 | 295 | So./Fr. | Massillon (Washington) |
| 41 | Jake Schifino | WR/DB | 6- 2 | 180 | Fr. | Pittsburgh, Pa. (Penn Hills) |
| 93 | Ryan Schulz | DL | 6- 4 | 230 | Fr. | Uniontown (Lake) |
| 96 | Will Scott | DL | 6- 6 | 265 | Jr./Jr. | Hayward, Calif. (Chabot J.C.) |
| 63 | Anthony Simon* | DL | 5-11 | 285 | Sr./Jr. | Alliance (West Branch) |
| 43 | Eric Small*** | LB | 5- 9 | 205 | Sr./Sr. | Akron (Buchtel) |
| 68 | Chad Smith | OL | 6- 5 | 280 | Jr./So. | Canton (GlenOak) |
| 59 | Chris Smith | DL | 6- 3 | 270 | Fr. | Massillon (Washington) |
| 15 | Dwight Smith* | DB | 5-11 | 195 | So./So. | Detroit, Mich. (Central) |
| 22 | Nevara Smith* | WR | 6- 0 | 195 | Jr./So. | Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech) |
| 95 | Ron Smith** | DL | 6- 4 | 265 | Jr./Jr. | Reynoldsburg |
| 50 | Scott Smith | OL | 6- 4 | 275 | So./Fr. | Westerville (St. Francis DeSales) |
| 37 | Hugh Thomas | FB | 5-10 | 237 | Fr. | Clinton (Manchester) |
| 75 | Jacob Thompson | DL | 6- 3 | 245 | Jr./So. | Tallmadge (St. Vincent-St. Mary) |
| 79 | Joe Trudeau* | OL | 6- 8 | 312 | Jr./So. | Toledo (Central Catholic) |
| 12 | Ryan Uhlenhake | QB | 6- 0 | 195 | So./Fr. | St. Henry |
| 17 | Kevin Vaughn* | LB | 5-11 | 190 | So./So. | Akron (Ellet) |
| 1 | James Washington* | QB | 6- 0 | 203 | Jr./So. | Columbus (Beechcroft) |
| 6 | Ty Washington | RB/DB | 5- 9 | 170 | Fr. | Southfield, Mich. (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) |
| 98 | Chuck Webb*** | TE | 6- 5 | 270 | Sr./Sr. | Elizabeth, Pa. (Forward) |
| 60 | Dan Wessman** | OL | 6- 2 | 306 | Sr./Jr. | Mayfield Village (Mayfield Heights) |
| 11 | Carl Whitt*** | WR | 6- 0 | 185 | Sr./Sr. | Warren (Champion) |
| 91 | Jason Wiggins | DL | 6- 4 | 260 | Jr./So. | Columbus (St. Francis DeSales) |
| 53 | Derek Wilborn* | LB | 6- 0 | 230 | Jr./So. | Waldorf, Md. (Thomas Stone) |
| 77 | Jermaine Williams | DL | 6- 2 | 310 | So./So. | Akron (Central Hower) |
| 81 | Orlando Williamson | WR | 6- 3 | 175 | Fr. | Sandusky |
| 3 | Mike Young | DB | 5-10 | 180 | So./Fr. | Columbus (Mifflin) |
| 39 | Matt Zuercher | FB | 6- 1 | 215 | Fr. | Orrville (Waynedale) |

* denotes letters earned

THE "300" CLUB

Three Akron Zips are members of The "300" Club (weighing 300 or more pounds and carrying a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better). The leader of this trio is senior center Bill Hildebrand, who lists at 312 pounds, and touts a 3.02 GPA majoring in elementary education. Next up is junior guard Dan Wessman, weighing in at 306 and owning a 3.12 GPA in elementary education as well. The third member is sophomore tackle Joe Trudeau. The Toledo native is 6-8, weighing 312 pounds, and carrying a 3.17 GPA in criminal justice. The Zips have eight 300 pounders on their roster and 21 student-athletes above 3.00. Sophomore Paul Ondrussek weighs in at 300 and touts a 2.96 GPA.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

| No. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | Pos. | Cl./Elig |
|-----|--------------------|-------|------|------|----------|
| 1 | James Washington* | QB | 6- 0 | 203 | Jr./So. |
| 2 | Victor Redrick | WR | 5-10 | 175 | Sr./Jr. |
| 3 | Mike Young | DB | 5-10 | 180 | So./Fr. |
| 4 | Shaun Black* | WR | 5-10 | 170 | Jr./So. |
| 4 | Rickie Coble | DB | 5-11 | 180 | So./Fr. |
| 5 | Stan Cwalinski | QB | 6- 1 | 185 | So./Fr. |
| 5 | James Cochran | LB | 6- 2 | 210 | Jr./Jr. |
| 6 | Ty Washington | RB/DB | 5- 9 | 170 | Fr. |
| 7 | George Cameron** | LB | 6- 0 | 221 | Sr./Jr. |
| 8 | Gregg Peugeot** | WR | 6- 2 | 200 | Jr./Jr. |
| 9 | Shauntel Lodge* | DB | 6- 0 | 200 | Jr./So. |
| 10 | Brady Oaks | QB | 6- 2 | 195 | So./Fr. |
| 11 | Carl Whitt*** | WR | 6- 0 | 185 | Sr./Sr. |
| 12 | Ryan Uhlenhake | QB | 6- 0 | 195 | So./Fr. |
| 13 | Raymond McCray | RB | 5- 6 | 155 | Fr. |
| 14 | Zac Derr | PK | 5- 8 | 145 | So./Fr. |
| 15 | Dwight Smith* | DB | 5-11 | 195 | So./So. |
| 16 | Jon Eaton** | DB/WR | 6- 2 | 195 | Sr./Jr. |
| 17 | Kevin Vaughn* | LB | 5-11 | 190 | So./So. |
| 18 | Greg Gromek** | QB | 6- 2 | 215 | Jr./Jr. |
| 19 | Nick Jamison* | PK | 6- 0 | 180 | Sr./Jr. |
| 20 | Mike Hughes* | DB | 6- 1 | 200 | Jr./So. |
| 21 | Jerome Cargile*** | DB | 6- 0 | 176 | Sr./Sr. |
| 22 | Nevara Smith* | WR | 6- 0 | 195 | Jr./So. |
| 23 | George Germany*** | DB | 5-11 | 190 | Sr./Sr. |
| 25 | Ryan Huffman | DB | 5-10 | 180 | So./Fr. |
| 25 | Jimmie Gray | WR | 5- 7 | 160 | So./So. |
| 26 | Mike Lagasse** | RB | 5- 9 | 192 | Sr./Sr. |
| 27 | Greg Lomax*** | RB | 5-10 | 194 | Sr./Sr. |
| 28 | Brandon Payne | RB/DB | 5-10 | 185 | Fr. |
| 29 | Julius Lancaster** | DB | 6- 1 | 200 | Sr./Jr. |
| 30 | Rich Reliford* | DB | 5- 9 | 180 | So./So. |
| 31 | Andre McCray*** | DB | 5-10 | 185 | Sr./Sr. |
| 32 | David Polk | RB | 6- 2 | 210 | Jr./So. |
| 33 | Bo Hunter* | RB | 5- 9 | 193 | Jr./Jr. |
| 36 | Richard Jones* | LB | 6- 1 | 200 | Jr./Jr. |
| 37 | Mike Hayes*** | P | 6- 3 | 200 | Sr./Sr. |
| 37 | Hugh Thomas | FB | 5-10 | 237 | Fr. |
| 38 | Nick Fortener | FB/LB | 6- 2 | 215 | Fr. |
| 39 | Matt Zuercher | FB | 6- 1 | 215 | Fr. |
| 40 | Cedric Golphin | FB/LB | 6- 1 | 200 | Fr. |
| 41 | Jake Schifino | WR/DB | 6- 2 | 180 | Fr. |
| 43 | Eric Small*** | LB | 5- 9 | 205 | Sr./Sr. |
| 43 | Steve Johnson | WR | 6- 1 | 210 | So./So. |
| 44 | Anthony McCray | FB | 5- 8 | 210 | So./Fr. |
| 45 | Arlune Culler | FB | 5-10 | 235 | Jr./So. |
| 46 | Aaron Buck | LB | 6- 2 | 205 | Fr. |
| 47 | Ben Ruhlin* | RB | 5- 9 | 185 | Jr./So. |
| 48 | Chris Hauser | DB | 5-10 | 178 | Fr. |

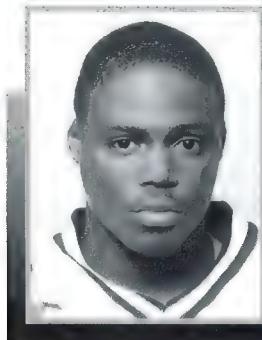
| No. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | Pos. | Cl./Elig |
|-----|--------------------|-----|------|------|----------|
| 49 | Louis Mackey | LB | 6- 2 | 215 | Jr./Jr. |
| 50 | Scott Smith | OL | 6- 4 | 275 | So./Fr. |
| 51 | Mike Naleppa | DL | 6- 3 | 260 | So./Fr. |
| 52 | Brad King** | LB | 5-11 | 220 | Jr./Jr. |
| 53 | Derek Wilborn* | LB | 6- 0 | 230 | Jr./So. |
| 54 | John Lurtz | DL | 6- 2 | 250 | So./Fr. |
| 55 | Bill Burke** | LB | 6- 0 | 230 | Sr./Jr. |
| 56 | Ryan Gargasz | DL | 6- 6 | 255 | Fr. |
| 57 | Shawn Klik* | DL | 6- 3 | 265 | Jr./So. |
| 58 | Ellery Bradford*** | LB | 5- 9 | 235 | Sr./Sr. |
| 59 | Chris Smith | DL | 6- 3 | 270 | Fr. |
| 60 | Dan Wessman** | OL | 6- 2 | 306 | Sr./Jr. |
| 61 | Mike Lukanski | DL | 6- 3 | 250 | So./Fr. |
| 62 | Brock Knisely** | OL | 6- 2 | 280 | Jr./Jr. |
| 63 | Anthony Simon** | DL | 5-11 | 285 | Sr./Jr. |
| 64 | Steve Hale** | OL | 6- 3 | 330 | Sr./Jr. |
| 65 | George Harris | OL | 6- 2 | 285 | So./Fr. |
| 66 | Paul Salvino | OL | 6- 3 | 295 | So./Fr. |
| 68 | Chad Smith | OL | 6- 5 | 280 | Jr./So. |
| 70 | Bill Hildebrand*** | OL | 6- 4 | 312 | Sr./Sr. |
| 71 | Rex Pyles** | OL | 6- 5 | 315 | Sr./Jr. |
| 72 | Jeff Grzeskowiak | OL | 6- 5 | 290 | So./Fr. |
| 73 | Paul Ondrusiek* | OL | 6- 3 | 300 | So./So. |
| 75 | Jacob Thompson | DL | 6- 3 | 245 | Jr./So. |
| 76 | Thomas McBride* | OL | 6- 4 | 315 | Jr./So. |
| 77 | Jermaine Williams | DL | 6- 2 | 310 | So./So. |
| 77 | Ade Edwards | OL | 6- 4 | 270 | So./So. |
| 78 | Kevin Kuntz** | OL | 6- 4 | 277 | Sr./Sr. |
| 79 | Joe Trudeau* | OL | 6- 8 | 312 | Jr./So. |
| 80 | Mike Perlosky | PK | 5-11 | 165 | So./Fr. |
| 81 | Orlando Williamson | WR | 6- 3 | 175 | Fr. |
| 82 | Tim Ritley | TE | 6- 3 | 238 | So./Fr. |
| 83 | Louis Banks | WR | 6- 2 | 190 | So./So. |
| 84 | Jeremy Connor* | TE | 6- 5 | 240 | Jr./So. |
| 85 | Joe Beyke | TE | 6- 4 | 250 | So./Fr. |
| 86 | Nick Hall | TE | 6- 1 | 210 | So./So. |
| 87 | Mike Delaney | P | 6- 2 | 225 | So./Fr. |
| 88 | Lavel Bailey* | WR | 5-10 | 180 | So./So. |
| 91 | Jason Wiggins | DL | 6- 4 | 260 | Jr./So. |
| 92 | Jamey Bennett*** | DL | 5-11 | 275 | Sr./Sr. |
| 93 | Ryan Schulz | DL | 6- 4 | 230 | Fr. |
| 94 | Jeremy Maxa*** | DL | 6- 3 | 260 | Sr./Sr. |
| 95 | Ron Smith** | DL | 6- 4 | 265 | Jr./Jr. |
| 96 | Ed March | LB | 6- 0 | 200 | So./Fr. |
| 96 | Will Scott | DL | 6- 6 | 265 | Jr./Jr. |
| 97 | Jamie O'Neill* | DL | 6- 3 | 255 | Jr./So. |
| 98 | Chuck Webb*** | TE | 6- 5 | 270 | Sr./Sr. |
| 99 | Aaron Brown | DE | 6- 8 | 220 | So./Fr. |

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| Jerome Cargile | CAR-gile | Brock Knisely | NIZELY | Gregg Peugeot | pew-ZHOO |
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| Greg Gromek | GROW-mek | Mike Lukanski | lou-CAN-skee | Ryan Uhlenhake | YOU-len-ache |

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1998 ZIPS


Lavel

WR

Bailey*
5-10 ◆ 180 ◆ So./So.
Cleveland
John F. Kennedy
88

Clocked at 4.41 in the 40-yard dash (second best on the team), sophomore Lavel Bailey has established himself as the Zips' deep threat. Originally a walk-on, Bailey was awarded a scholarship following his amazing touchdown grab at Nebraska. He will be challenged by two other burners — Nevara Smith and Jimmie Gray.

ZIP CAREER: 1997-

Bailey burst onto the UA football scene when he pulled in James Washington's 69-yard scoring pass at Nebraska. Hit and spun around, Bailey made an acrobatic catch and ran to the end zone for the Zips' second TD in Lincoln. During the week off after the NU game, coach Owens announced Bailey and Jermaine Williams had earned scholarships. He led the team with three TD catches, a 23-yarder from Greg Gromek vs. Central Michigan, a 20-yarder from Gromek vs. Bowling Green and the memorable grab at Nebraska. Bailey had three receptions each against Ohio and Toledo. His 18.4-yards per catch tied Carl Whitt for team leadership in that department. **1996-** Attempted to walk on at Ohio State, later transferred to Akron and was immediately eligible.

HIGH SCHOOL: Did not play football his senior year at JFK.

PERSONAL: The son of Rolanda and Sylvia Bailey. He is a communication major. Birthdate: Dec. 15, 1977.

| Year | Starts | Rec | Yds | Avg. | TD | LG |
|------|--------|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| 1997 | 11/2 | 11 | 202 | 18.4 | 3 | 69 |



"It was like a dream come true. Last night, I dreamed about catching a post pattern for a touchdown. I never imagined it would come against Nebraska, but my dream came true." — Lavel Bailey following his 69-yard TD catch at Memorial Stadium, Aug. 30, 1997.


Jamey

DL

Bennett***
5-11 ◆ 275 ◆ Sr./Sr.
McDonald, Pa.
Fort Cherry
92

Enthusiastic senior defensive tackle Jamey Bennett is determined to help rekindle the Zips' fire in 1998. A three-year starter, who has returned twice from knee ligament injuries, Bennett is an over-achiever. Despite usually being double-teamed and over-matched size-wise, he plays with great heart and balance, the latter developed during an outstanding high school wrestling career. If there's a pileup in the middle of the line, expect UA's No. 92 to be in the fray again this fall.

ZIP CAREER: 1997-

A knee injury sidelined Bennett for the Eastern Michigan and Ohio games. He had an excellent three-game stretch prior to the injury, racking up 18 total tackles in games against Miami (Sept. 13), Bowling Green (Sept. 20) and LSU (Sept. 27). Bennett had TFLs against Miami and Kent.

1996- A starter in the Zips' first seven games, Bennett had a season-high five stops vs. Bowling Green (Nov. 2) and had at least three tackles in four contests. He strained a knee ligament prior to Miami (Oct. 19) and gave way to Joe Rumolo in the starting lineup. He had a TFL (-2) at Ohio. **1995-** Bennett started 10 games as a true freshman (all but season opener vs. E. Michigan) and had three TFLs and two forced fumbles.

HIGH SCHOOL: Bennett was tabbed first-team All-America by *BlueChip Illustrated* and team MVP following his senior season at Fort Cherry HS. He had 115 tackles, 21 sacks and earned first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference on offense and defense. Bennett posted a 78-8 career mark as a wrestler.

PERSONAL: A communication major, he is the son of Terry and JoAnn Bennett. He had a 3.1 GPA during spring semester, 1997. Birthdate: Aug. 22, 1976.



| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|--------|--------|------|-------|-----|----|----|------|-------|
| 1995 | 11/10 | 16 | 29 | 3-5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 1996 | 11/7 | 12 | 27 | 1-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 1997 | 9/9 | 15 | 29 | 2-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Totals | 31/26 | 43 | 85 | 6-9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |



Shaun Black*

WR

5-10 ◆ 170 ◆ Jr./So.

Southfield, Mich.
Henry Ford

4

Primarily a special teams player last fall, Shaun Black has gradually worked his way into contention at wide receiver. Black exhibited some good hands in the '98 spring game, snaring four passes for 62 yards, including a 51-yard scoring strike from Ryan Uhlenhake. He began his Zip career as a defensive back and made the switch early last season. Black could be a factor in 1998.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- Black made trips to Nebraska, Eastern Michigan and Ball State. He has seen limited duty on the Zips' punt return team. **1996-** Elected a redshirt season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Black was a two-way starter at Henry Ford High School where he played quarterback and defensive back. He was an HM All-State quarterback in 1994 and '95 and was listed on Michigan's Top 50 Dream Team. Black had more than 2,000 yards of total offense as a senior and led Henry Ford to the state playoffs.

PERSONAL: The son of Herbert and Connie Black, he is an education major. Birthdate: Jan. 5, 1978.



Ellery Bradford***

LB

5-9 ◆ 235 ◆ Sr./Sr.
Mansfield
Mansfield Senior

58

If you're an opposing special teams player, Ellery Bradford is your worst nightmare. The Zips' two-time John Heisman Award (aka Unsung Hero Award) recipient, Bradford plays with reckless abandon and has been known to fire up the team from time to time. As a wedge buster, he has scattered more than his share of would-be blockers. Bradford has also seen action on goal line defense. He is a three-year letterman and a "program guy." Well liked by his teammates, he is planning to crack the defensive depth chart. Bradford hails from the same hometown as head coach Lee Owens.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- Bradford registered 10 tackles (six solo), mostly on special teams. He forced a fumble and recovered a fumble against Toledo. **1996-** Bradford had two unassisted tackles playing on special teams and received the Heisman Award as the team's unsung hero. **1995-** He totaled eight tackles including four unassisted as a special teams performer.

HIGH SCHOOL: A three-year letterman at Mansfield Senior HS, Bradford garnered first-team Ohio Heartland Conference and

honorable mention North Central Ohio honors his senior season. Selected to play in the NCO All-Star Game, he led his team to an 8-1 record and a 1993 state play-off appearance in his senior season. **PERSONAL:** The son of Bonnie Bradford, he is a criminal justice/sociology-corrections major. Birthdate: Jan. 11, 1976 in Mansfield.



Bill

LB

Burke**

6-0 ◆ 230 ◆ Sr./Jr.

Lancaster

Lancaster

55

Nagging injuries kept Bill Burke from enjoying his first season as a starting linebacker. A member of the Mid-American Conference All-Academic Team, Burke missed all of last spring practice following a hernia operation. Excellent against the run, Burke is a physical, hard-nosed performer who loves to hit.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- An honorable mention Academic All-MAC selection, Burke started the first four games and the last three games at OLB. He played through a series of ankle sprains and a groin pull to rank fifth on the team in tackles (44 total). Burke had his best game of the season against Ohio when he chalked up nine stops (six solo). **1996-** On the 60-man travel roster, Burke saw spot duty at linebacker and was a member of the punt return team. He stopped Central Michigan's all-star back, Silas Massey, for a one-yard loss in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and finished the game with a season-high six hits. **1995-** Redshirted.



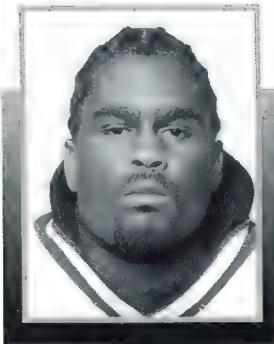
HIGH SCHOOL: Two-time All-Ohio linebacker and Fairfield County Player of the Year, Burke piled up 403 tackles for Lancaster HS. As a senior, he was invited to play in the North-South all-star game and chosen as a *Columbus Post-Dispatch* Player of the Year.

PERSONAL: The son of Paula Burke, he carries a 3.26 cumulative GPA and had a 3.76 GPA last spring semester as a physical education major. Birthdate: Nov. 17, 1976.

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|--------|--------|------|-------|-----|----|----|------|-------|
| 1996 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 1997 | 7 | 24 | 44 | 3-8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Totals | 7 | 29 | 55 | 4-9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 |

Ellery Bradford's career statistics:

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|--------|--------|------|-------|-----|----|----|------|-------|
| 1995 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 1996 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 1997 | 0 | 6 | 10 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Totals | 0 | 12 | 20 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 |



George Cameron**

LB

6-0 ◆ 221 ◆ Sr./Jr.

Alliance
Alliance



Zip defensive coaches are counting on a breakthrough year for junior OLB George Cameron. The former Stark County all-star is a gifted athlete with proven big-play capability. He was No. 1 on the spring practice depth chart and will now be joined on the UA roster by former Alliance HS teammate and friend Louis Banks.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- Starting nine of the 10 games in which he played (missed Ball State for family funeral), Cameron posted a season-high seven stops at Toledo (Nov. 15) and had two TFLs against Bowling Green (Sept. 20). He also blocked a punt against Central Michigan (Oct. 4). 1996- Cameron started nine games at outside linebacker and ranked fifth on the club in TFLs (five) and seventh in total tackles (62). He chalked up a season-high nine tackles vs. Bowling Green (Nov. 2) and had four TFLs in the Zips' first five games. Cameron recovered fumbles against Ohio and Western Michigan. 1995- Cameron played sparingly and received a redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: An All-Federal League and All-Stark County running back at Alliance HS, Cameron rushed for 1,444 yards and 11 TDs as a senior. He played for coach Joel Cockley.

PERSONAL: The son of Debra Cameron, he is an elementary education major. Birthdate: Sept. 8, 1977.

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|--------|--------|------|-------|------|----|----|------|-------|
| 1995 | 2/0 | 11 | 14 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 1996 | 11/9 | 35 | 62 | 5-8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2-5 |
| 1997 | 10/9 | 20 | 35 | 3-6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Totals | 23/18 | 66 | 111 | 8-14 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2-5 |



Jerome Cargile***

DB

6-0 ◆ 176 ◆ Sr./Sr.

Cleveland
Chanel



Jerome Cargile stepped up his play in 1997 and now appears poised for a big senior season. He joins Andre McCray, George Germany, and rising stars Rich Reliford and Dwight Smith to give Akron one of the better secondaries in the MAC. Cargile's open-field tackling was greatly improved last fall. Blessed with 4.45 time in the 40 and a nearly 300-pound bench, he could surface as an All-MAC candidate. **ZIP CAREER:** 1997- A starter in all 11 games, Cargile ranked first on the team in solo tackles (65), second in total tackles (86) and

second in pass break-ups (eight). He logged 15 tackles at Nebraska (Aug. 30), 12 vs. Kent (Nov. 8) and 10 vs. BGSU (Sept. 20). A blow to the head prevented him from finishing the Ball State game (Nov. 1). **1996-** Cargile broke his thumb on his right hand prior to Week 5 vs. Western Michigan and missed the next four games. He had played on kickoff and punt return special teams and was a top reserve at cornerback prior to the injury. Cargile made trips to Ohio, Illinois, Northern Illinois and Eastern Michigan and saw limited action. **1995-** Cargile started one game (Kent) as a true freshman and had one INT against Bowling Green.

HIGH SCHOOL: Cargile was accorded second-team All-North Coast League honors as a wide receiver at Chanel HS. He had 18 receptions for 328 yards and four TDs, and returned 13 kickoffs for 364 yards and one score.

PERSONAL: The son of Jerome and Marilyn Cargile, he is a physical education/sports medicine major. DOB: Nov. 12, 1977.

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|--------|--------|------|-------|-----|----|----|------|-------|
| 1995 | 11/1 | 22 | 33 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0-0 |
| 1996 | 7/0 | 2 | 3 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 1997 | 11/11 | 65 | 86 | 1-2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Totals | 29/12 | 89 | 122 | 1-2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0-0 |



Jeremy Connor*

TE

6-5 ◆ 240 ◆ Jr./So.

Hillsboro, Ill.
Hillsboro



Well versed in the passing game, and steadily improving in the weight room, Jeremy Connor will need to improve his blocking and physical play to see additional playing time. Listed as the No. 3 TE behind Chuck Webb and Tim Ritley, Connor is making strides.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- Connor made the 60-man travel squad for all seven road trips. He did not catch a pass, but was awarded a varsity letter. Connor moved from defensive end to tight end and caught a 13-yard pass in the spring game. **1996-** Redshirted. Still taken on trips to Illinois and Northern Illinois.

HIGH SCHOOL: An all-state gridiron, all-state scholar, and member of the Honor Society at Hillsboro HS, Connor's team won its conference his senior year. He also played four years of basketball.

PERSONAL: The son of Tom and Joyce Connor, he is an engineering major. Birthdate: Feb. 28, 1978.



**Jon
Eaton****

DB

6-2 ◆ 195 ◆ Sr./Jr.

**Wheelersburg
Wheelersburg**

You can only imagine what Jon Eaton has been through. Anticipating his junior season of football at Akron, and anxiously awaiting the Nebraska game, Eaton severely sprained his left ankle on July 29. It was the beginning of a nightmare for one of UA's team leaders. Hospitalized for 32 days and undergoing four surgeries, not to mention intense rehabilitation, Eaton, a bona fide Academic All-America candidate, was forced to withdraw from school for the fall semester. His return to school and spring practice inspired his teammates and coaches. He worked out as a quarterback and actually played QB in the Blue-Gold game. Eaton posted a 3.39 GPA last spring semester and is planning a comeback this fall.



ZIP CAREER: 1997- Eaton suffered a severe left ankle sprain prior to the start of camp and was forced to take a medical redshirt. The sprain required four surgeries. **1996-** A GTE District IV Academic Team selection, Eaton started all 11 games and had season-high 14 tackles at Ohio (Aug. 29) and 12 against Virginia Tech (Sept. 7). He ranked fifth on the club in total tackles and deserves considerable credit for the Zips being 25th nationally in pass efficiency defense. His interception with 17 seconds to play at the UA 27 sealed the Zips' 21-14 victory over Bowling Green (Nov. 2). He also earned first-team All-MAC academic honors. **1995-** A starter in the final 10 games of the season, Eaton had INTs against Central Michigan and Kent (two UA victories) and ranked third on the team in total tackles, earning the Zips' Outstanding Freshman Award.

HIGH SCHOOL: The Southeast District Defensive Player of the Year as a senior at Wheelersburg HS, Eaton was accorded first-team All-Ohio notice as a defensive back. As a three-year starter at quarterback, he threw for over 5,000 yards and yielded just 12 INTs.

PERSONAL: Eaton carries a 3.21 cumulative GPA as a biology major. He is the son of Jon and Christine Eaton and is joined on the UA squad by former HS teammate Rex Pyles. DOB: May 13, 1976.

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|--------|--------|------|-------|------|----|----|------|-------|
| 1995 | 11/10 | 59 | 82 | 1-3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0-0 |
| 1996 | 11/11 | 32 | 65 | 2-11 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0-0 |
| Totals | 22/21 | 91 | 147 | 3-14 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0-0 |



**Greg
Gromek****

QB

6-2 ◆ 215 ◆ Jr./Jr.

**Chesterland
West Geauga**

18

Don't count Greg Gromek out of the Zips' quarterback derby. The strong-armed junior has worked hard to regain his form following ACL knee surgery last fall. Gromek took no contact during spring drills.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- The Zips' starting QB for the first six games (although he split time with James Washington at Nebraska, Miami and LSU), Gromek suffered a season-ending left knee injury at Marshall (Oct. 11). One week earlier, he had enjoyed the finest game of his career against Central Michigan (Oct. 4), completing 16-of-24 passes for 263 yards and three scores. It was the 11th best passing day on record for a UA quarterback (second best in a MAC game). His 220 first-half yards is an Akron school mark. That performance earned him MAC Scholar-Athlete of the Week. FYI- Gromek was the MAC's third-rated passer after the CMU game (133.9). **1996-** Gromek helped energize the Zips and posted a 3-0 mark as the starting QB. His first completion at Central Michigan (Oct. 12) was a UA season-long



(to that point) 59-yarder to Carl Whitt. He scored the Zips' only TD — a 1-yard option plunge —in a 10-7 win over Miami (Oct. 19). Hooked up with Devon Scott on a 77-yard TD pass vs. Bowling Green (Nov. 2), eighth longest in UA history. UA's "Outstanding Freshman".

HIGH SCHOOL: Gromek earned Chagrin Valley Conference MVP notice and was first team All-Area on the *Willoughby News Herald* and *Cleveland Plain Dealer* all-star teams. He passed for nearly 5,300 career yards 24 touchdowns. An accomplished baseball player, he was the Division II Player of the Year. Gromek also was president of his senior class.

PERSONAL: The son of John and Monica Gromek, he is a business administration major (3.03 cum GPA). DOB: March 16, 1978.

| Year | Starts | Att. | Com. | Pct. | Yds. | TD | Int. | LG | Eff. |
|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|----|------|----|--------|
| 1996 | 5/3 | 81 | 28 | .346 | 464 | 2 | 5 | 77 | 78.49 |
| 1997 | 6/6 | 101 | 50 | .495 | 715 | 5 | 6 | 61 | 113.43 |
| Totals | 11/9 | 182 | 78 | .429 | 1179 | 7 | 11 | 77 | 97.9 |

1996 Game-by-game passing (Attempts-Comp.-Yards-TD-Int)

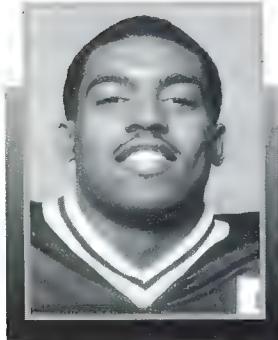
Central Michigan 12-3-108-0-1; Miami 13-3-20-0-0; Northern Illinois 19-9-128-0-2; Bowling Green 18-8-158-1-2; Eastern Michigan 19-5-50-0-1.

1997 Game-by-game passing

Nebraska 8-4-51-0-1; Miami 8-4-52-1-1; Bowling Green 7-5-61-1-0; Louisiana State 14-5-43-0-0; Central Michigan 24-16-263-3-0; Marshall 30-12-161-0-3.



PLAYERS



George Germany***

5-11 ◆ 190 ◆ Sr./Sr.

Pittsburgh, Pa.
Schenley

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Scrappy senior George Germany returns for his final season in the Zips' secondary. A sure tackler, Germany shared UA's Outstanding Junior Award with Andre McCray last season and was chosen as a captain. He is a durable, tough competitor, who gives everything. **ZIP CAREER:** 1997- Moved from cornerback to strong safety after the LSU game, Germany started 11 games, ranked fourth on the team in tackles (72 total) and had three games with 10 or more hits: 15 vs. Bowling Green (Sept. 20), 10 at Eastern Michigan (Oct. 18) and 11 at Ball State (Nov. 1). He put a hit on Nebraska QB Scott Frost and forced him to fumble on the Huskers' first possession (Aug. 30). Germany had one INT at Toledo (Nov. 15) and was on the receiving end of Nate Boyd's INT-lateral which he ran for another 15 yards against Central Michigan (Oct. 4). He suffered a sprained left knee at EMU and did not finish. 1996- A starter in all 11 games, Germany had a season-high 11 tackles against Virginia Tech (Sept. 7) and forced fumbles vs. W. Michigan and Northern Illinois. He led the team in pass break-ups with nine. 1995- Germany started six games and racked up a season-high 12 solo tackles, including two TFLs against Ohio (Oct. 21). He forced three fumbles (two at Toledo) and stripped UT back Wasean Tait on the UA 2. 1994- Redshirted. **HIGH SCHOOL:** Germany was a two-time all-city selection on offense and defense, rushing for nearly 1,000 yards his senior year and scoring 17 TDs. A *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* "Athlete of the Week" and a Fabulous 25 pick by the city High School Sports Week, **PERSONAL:** The son of Marvin and Inez Germany, he is a history major. His brother, Marvin, played football at Carnegie Mellon. Birthdate: Nov. 8, 1976.

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|--------|--------|------|-------|------|----|----|------|-------|
| 1995 | 6 | 33 | 52 | 3-8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 1996 | 11 | 44 | 57 | 2-3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 1997 | 11 | 49 | 72 | 4-14 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1-6 |
| Totals | 28 | 126 | 181 | 9-25 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1-6 |



Steve Hale**

6-3 ◆ 330 ◆ Sr./Jr.

Pittsburgh, Pa.
Perry Traditional

OL

64

Moved from tackle to guard last fall, junior Steve Hale is gearing up for a breakthrough season in '98. The keys for Hale are strength and stamina.

The amiable Zip lineman has great feet, pulls well and is exceptional at blocking linebackers and defensive backs on the move. Hale could be an All-MAC performer before his career is finished. He has improved his bench to 375 pounds and his squat to 515.

ZIP CAREER: 1997-

Hale's consecutive starts streak hit 12 six games deep into the season. He shares in the credit for Akron having the nation's 11th best rushing attack (221.0 per) and yielding less than one QB sack per game (10 in 11). Saw action on goal line defensive unit. 1996- Hale started the final six games of the season and played a key role in the Zips' averaging 188 yards per game on the ground over those six contests. Akron also protected true freshman QB Greg Gromek exceptionally well in 4 1/2 games, yielding just three sacks. 1995- Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: Hale was a three-year starter and two-way tackle at Pittsburgh Perry Traditional HS. The team's MVP and a first-team all-city selection, he also was the starting center on Perry's cage team. Hale received the YMCA Student/Athlete Award for academic, athletic and community service achievement.

PERSONAL: The son of Allen Cragg and Veronica Smith, Hale is a sports medicine major. Birthdate: Jan. 11, 1977.



Bill Hildebrand***

6-4 ◆ 312 ◆ Sr./Sr.

Louisville
Louisville

70

One of two senior starters on the Zips' offensive line, Bill Hildebrand certainly isn't satisfied with Akron's No. 11 national ranking in rushing offense. His goal is top 10 in total offense, and that'll require 400-plus yards per game — combined rushing and passing. And it's certainly not out of the question for a unit which returns nine starters and several key reserves. The former Stark County prep star has greatly improved his strength, flexibility and agility since arriving on campus. Hildebrand is a legit candidate for Academic All-MAC.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- A starter in all 11 games, Hildebrand was nominated for the Academic All-MAC team. Played on the goal line defensive unit. 1996- Hildebrand started the season-opener at Ohio (Aug. 29), battled Eric Ervin for the first-string post the rest of the season and earned his second letter award. 1995- A starter in all 11 games as a true freshman, Hildebrand won the job in camp.

HIGH SCHOOL: Hildebrand earned second-team All-Ohio and first team all-district, all-county, and all-league as a senior at Louisville HS. He was the lead blocker for Dan Wilson, who gained 1,702 rushing yards and earned a scholarship at UA as well.

PERSONAL: The son of Mike Hildebrand and Cindy Minster, he is an education major (3.02 cum GPA). Birthdate: June 28, 1977.



Mike Hayes***

P

6-3 ♦ 200 ♦ Sr./Sr.

Elyria
Midview

37

Mike Hayes has plenty of leg. His goal for 1998 is to improve the finesse part of his game. The MAC's No. 1 distance punter a year ago, and a first-team Academic All-MAC selection, Hayes needs to work on his short game. If he is able to master the "pooch punt," and the Zips can significantly increase their net punt figure (32.5), then he'll receive the honors he so richly deserves.

ZIP CAREER: 1997-

The 16th-ranked punter in Division I-A football (first in the MAC), Hayes averaged 43.8 yards per kick, including a 50.1-yard average on eight kicks at Nebraska (Aug. 30). He blasted his season long — a 59-yarder — that day at Memorial Stadium. Hayes averaged 47.8 per boot at LSU (Sept. 27) with a long of 56. He had a 56-yard kick at Eastern Michigan (Oct. 18) and two other 54 yarders. One of four Zips named to the Academic All-MAC team, but UA's lone first-team selection. Had punts blocked against Ohio (Oct. 25) and Kent (Nov. 8). **1996-** Hayes changed field position in the Zips' favor with his foot several times. He averaged 46.3 yards per kick on nine boots against 15th-ranked Virginia Tech and blasted a season-long 71-yarder at Northern Illinois. Hughes had 13 punts of 50 or more yards. **1995-** Redshirted. **1994-** As a true freshman, Hayes took over punting chores in Week 9 against Eastern Michigan and responded with a 55-yard boot.

HIGH SCHOOL: A first-team All-Ohio punter, Hayes was the first gridiron in Erie Shore Conference history to be named all-league at three positions (WR, PK and P). He was the only athlete in Lorain County to be chosen for all-star teams in football, basketball and baseball, and was an honor roll student at Midview HS.

PERSONAL: The son of Howard and Jeanne Hayes, he carries a 3.50 cumulative GPA in sports medicine/physical therapy. Hayes also plays golf and the trumpet. Birthdate: April 19, 1976.

| Year | No. | Yds. | Avg. | Lg. | Blkd. |
|--------|-----|------|------|-----|-------|
| 1994 | 13 | 484 | 37.2 | 55 | 0 |
| 1996 | 68 | 2885 | 42.4 | 71 | 3 |
| 1997 | 53 | 2319 | 43.8 | 59 | 2 |
| Totals | 134 | 5688 | 42.4 | 71 | 5 |



Mike Hughes*

DB

6-1 ♦ 200 ♦ Jr./So.
New Middleton
Cardinal Mooney

20

Another Zip looking to make a comeback in 1998 is defensive back Mike Hughes. Listed No. 2 at strong safety behind Andre McCray, Hughes had shoulder surgery in the spring of '97 to correct a recurring dislocation problem. He was thought to be among UA's top seven d-backs heading into last season. His healthy return is a boost.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- Hughes took no contact during camp, but was cleared to play after the Nebraska game. It looked like he might try to play and then decided it would be better to play it safe and take a medical redshirt. **1996-** On the 60-man travel roster, Hughes played on the kickoff, kickoff return and punt return special teams. He was credited with two tackles against Western Michigan and earned his first letter award.

HIGH SCHOOL: Hughes was selected honorable mention All-Ohio, first-team All-NE Ohio and All-Steel Valley Conference as a defensive back at Cardinal Mooney HS. He also played quarterback and accumulated 1,400 yards of total offense and threw 10 TD passes. He was a member of CMHS's 4 x 100 All-State relay team.

PERSONAL: The son of Richard and Patricia Hughes, he is a secondary education major. Birthdate: Aug. 17, 1977.



Nick Jamison*

PK

6-0 ♦ 180 ♦ Sr./Jr.

Akron

St. Vincent-St. Mary

19

Locked in a battle with Zac Derr for the placekicking chores, junior Nick Jamison has provided the Zips with quality depth. A member of the 60-man travel roster the last two seasons, Jamison undoubtedly gleaned plenty of knowledge from Jamie Stidham, who kicked 13 field goals during his UA career. He punched through three extra-points last fall, two against Central Michigan (Oct. 4) and one against Kent (Nov. 8). He has the confidence of the coaching staff.

HIGH SCHOOL/PERSONAL: At St. Vincent-St. Mary, he lettered three years in soccer and one year in football. The son of David Jamison and Susan Stocker, his father is the Zips' NCAA Faculty Representative. Jamison posted a 3.47 GPA last spring as a political science/criminal justice major. Birthdate: Oct. 12, 1976.

| Year | FGA | FGM | LG | XP | XPA | Points |
|------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|--------|
| 1997 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 |



PLAYERS

Bo
Hunter*

5-9 ◆ 193 ◆ Jr./Jr.

Wilmington, Del.
Milford Academy

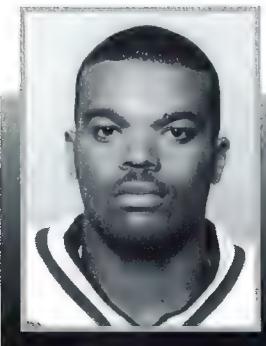
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Bo Hunter served notice during the Blue-Gold game that he will be a factor come August. The elusive junior tailback carried 25 times for 153 yards and two TDs in leading the Blue to a 39-20 victory. Durability and "north-south" running will be the keys for a gifted back who could explode on the Mid-American Conference scene in '98. **ZIP CAREER:** 1997- Hunter showed flashes of brilliance as part of the Zips' three-man tailback rotation. He rushed for a team-high 54 yards, including an 11-yard TD burst, on 16 carries at Nebraska (Aug. 30). He injured his ankle at Miami (Sept. 13) and then DNP against Bowling Green. He popped his season-long run — a 23-yarder — against Ohio (Oct. 25). His season-high game was 67 yards and one score on 15 tries at Ball State (Nov. 1). Hunter also had rushing TDs against Marshall (Oct. 11) and Kent (Nov. 8). **1996-** Hunter was required to sit out his first season at Akron in order to gain academic eligibility.

PREP/HIGH SCHOOL: Hunter starred at Milford (Conn.) Academy, where he rushed for 1,000 yards before matriculating to UA. Hailing from Wilmington, Del., he was a prep first-team all-state kick returner, first-team all-league tailback and second-team DB.

PERSONAL: The son of Arvelia Hunter, he is a communication major. Full name is Maurice "Bo" Hunter. Posted a 3.15 GPA last spring. Birthdate: Nov. 19, 1975.

| Year | Starts | Att. | Net. | Avg. | TD | LG | Rec | Yds. | TD |
|------|--------|------|------|------|----|----|-----|------|----|
| 1997 | 10/1 | 120 | 385 | 3.2 | 4 | 23 | 1 | -5 | 0 |

Richard
Jones*

6-1 ◆ 200 ◆ Jr./Jr.

Columbus
Beechcroft

36

Physical tools and a world of potential. Richard (Ricky) Jones started to put it all together last spring when he improved his stock and earned a No. 1 spot at OLB. With the Zips' implementing a new system, a player with Jones' versatility may very well work his way onto the field. The Columbus native needed a season to shake out the rust and now appears destined to meet his own expectations.

RB

ZIP CAREER: 1997- Jones made the 60-man travel roster and was Andre McCray's understudy at free safety for most of the season. He also played on the kickoff, kick return and punt return teams. Jones had a season-high four tackles at LSU (Sept. 27). **1996-** Jones was required to sit out his first season at Akron in order to gain academic eligibility.

HIGH SCHOOL: Jones was a teammate of James Washington at Beechcroft HS and was the first Cougar selected to play in the Ohio North-South All-Star Game. Beechcroft reached the state playoffs, with Jones earning second-team All-Ohio, all-city, all-district, and the *Columbus Dispatch* Super 25.

PERSONAL: The son of Richard and Michelle Jones, he is secondary education major. Birthdate: Sept. 2, 1977.

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|------|--------|------|-------|-----|----|----|------|-------|
| 1997 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |

Brad
King**

5-11 ◆ 220 ◆ Jr./Jr.

Dublin

Dublin Scioto

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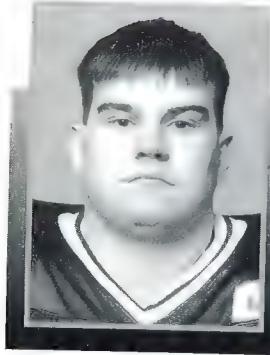
No one has to tell Brad King that the downside of playing football is injury. The Zips' energetic OLB was lost for the 1998 season during a spring scrimmage when he tore the ACL in his left knee. He will be forced to take a medical redshirt and faces considerable rehabilitation to be ready for 1999. This will be a difficult season for a guy who just loves to play the game. One year earlier, King took an INT back 40 yards for a TD in the '97 spring game.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- King drew a starting assignment for the Bowling Green game (Sept. 20) and had three solo hits. He also got the nod for the Ohio game (Oct. 25), filling in for regular starter Nate Boyd. Calcium deposits in his arm limited his play over the final three weeks of the season. **1996-** As a true freshman, King was listed No. 2 at OLB behind Nate Johnson. He filled in for Johnson against Toledo (Sept. 14) and racked up nine stops, including a QB sack. On the 60-man travel roster, King played on the kickoff return team and earned a letter award. He forced fumbles against Kent and Central Michigan and had a sack at Illinois.

HIGH SCHOOL: King was chosen first-team All-Ohio as he led Dublin Scioto to the Division II State Championship in 1995. As a senior linebacker, he collected 127 tackles, including 62 solos, 17 TFLs, and five sacks. His team's record over his last two years: 23-3.

PERSONAL: The son of Ben and Cindi King, his brother Benny was a standout linebacker at Ohio, completing his eligibility in '95 when he had a team-high 125 tackles (71 solo). A construction engineering major, his birthdate is Oct. 11, 1977.

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|--------|--------|------|-------|------|----|----|------|-------|
| 1996 | 0 | 13 | 16 | 3-14 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2-10 |
| 1997 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Totals | 2 | 18 | 25 | 3-14 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2-10 |



**Shawn
Klik***

DL

6-3 ◆ 265 ◆ Jr./So.

New Castle, Pa.
Union Area

57

With the Zips' retooling on defense for 1998, sophomore defensive lineman Shawn Klik will have every opportunity to prove himself. If he didn't enjoy football, Klik would have had plenty of excuses to quit two years ago. He is planning to make a contribution in '98.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- A member of the Zips' 60-man travel roster, Klik saw limited action and registered one tackle against Central Michigan (Oct. 4) and one stop at Eastern Michigan (Oct. 18). 1996- Medical redshirt following reconstructive knee surgery.

HIGH SCHOOL: Klik struggled through his senior season at Union Area HS with knee problems, and still managed to attract considerable recruiting interest. An honor roll student, he was the Scotties' MVP in '95, after piling up nearly 100 tackles and earning first-team All-Big 7 Conference honors at linebacker.

PERSONAL: The son of Michael and Donna Klik, he is a sports medicine major and pulled a 3.0 GPA last spring. DOB: Dec. 3, 1977.



**Brock
Knisely****

OL

6-2 ◆ 280 ◆ Jr./Jr.
New Philadelphia
New Philadelphia

62

Versatile junior Brock Knisely will again vie for time along the offensive line. Intelligent and disciplined, he is the No. 1 long snapper and No. 2 quick guard. He's been among the top seven O-linemen the last two years and is determined to make a greater impact this fall.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- An Academic All-MAC selection, Knisely served as long snapper and reserve center. He had special teams tackles vs. Bowling Green, Ball State and Toledo. 1996- A member of the 60-man travel roster, Knisely lettered as the Zips' long snapper and by the end of the season was No. 2 on the depth chart at center and quick guard. He recovered a fumbled punt against Toledo.

HIGH SCHOOL: Knisely earned second-team All-Ohio notice in '95 as captain and MVP of New Philadelphia HS's football team. A two-time All-Federal League and All-Eastern District selection, he was nominated for the North-South All-Star Game.

PERSONAL: The son of David and Kendra Knisely, his brother, Heath, lettered as an Ohio State gridiron in '96 and played in the Rose Bowl. Last year, Knisely received the All-America Scholar Award for academic and athletic excellence. He carries a cumulative GPA of 3.34 in the UA engineering program. DOB: June 24, 1978.



**Kevin
Kuntz*****

OL

6-4 ◆ 277 ◆ Sr./Sr.

Steubenville
Edison

78

A first-team All-MAC guard, according to *Football News*, senior Kevin Kuntz is the leader of a Zip offensive line quickly gaining a reputation as one of the finest in the Mid-American Conference. A starter in 33 consecutive games, Kuntz came to Akron as a walk-on tight end, earned a scholarship, continued to work hard in the weight room and now rates among the finest linemen in the conference.

Exceptional at pulling and blocking opponents on the move, Kuntz is a leader on the Zips' offensive line. He has the best agility run and 40-yard dash times among Zip OLs.

ZIP CAREER:

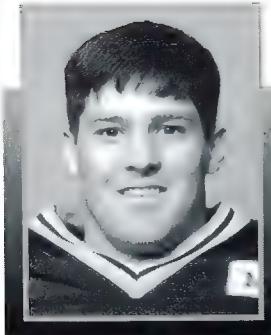
1997- Kuntz played a lead role in UA having the 11th best rushing attack in Div. I-A (221.0 yards per game) and yielding



just 10 quarterback sacks in 11 games. The Zips churned out 573 yards of offense against Central Michigan (Oct. 4) and 554 (470 rushing) against Kent (Nov. 8). Akron also rushed for 306 yards against Ohio (Oct. 25). Two UA tailbacks — Greg Lomax and Mike Lagasse — averaged six yards per carry. Kuntz earned the UA Most Valuable Lineman and Captain awards. "Kevin is an iron man," says UA offensive line coach John Peterson. 1996- A starter in all 11 games, Kuntz was a key figure in the Zips' establishing a physical style of play and being able to average 161 yards per game on the ground (fifth best total in the MAC). He ranks first among UA offensive linemen in the agility run, 10-yard and 40-yard sprints. 1995- Originally projected as a tight end, Kuntz developed himself in the weight room and assumed a starting guard position in Lee Owens' first season as head coach. He started all 11 games. 1994- Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: Kuntz gained first-team All-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference honors his junior and senior grid seasons. Coached by Chris Zurbrugg, he received the Clark Hinkle Award for combining scholastics and academics.

PERSONAL: The son of Stanley and Phyllis Kuntz, he is a psychology major. Worked two summers in the UA Center for Child Development. Carried a 3.04 GPA last spring. DOB: Sept. 15, 1976.



Mike Lagasse**

5-9 ♦ 192 ♦ Sr./Sr.

Hudson
Niskayuna, N.Y.

RB

26

There is so much to admire about the way tailback Mike Lagasse (LEGACY) plays football. Maybe it's because he's a regular guy, not athletically gifted, but an over-achiever, who plays with great heart, courage, and determination. Originally a walk-on and now a captain on scholarship, he has defied the odds and continues to earn the respect of his peers and opponents alike. Lagasse will again share the tailback duties with Greg Lomax and Bo Hunter. His fingers are crossed for a healthy senior season.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- Lagasse had a career game on Acme-Zip night against Bowling Green (Sept. 20), collecting 192 all-purpose yards (83 rushing, 19 receiving, 90 KORs) and scoring two TDs. He ranked sixth in the MAC and 35th nationally in KO returns (23.9). Lagasse was never quite the same after a concussion during the first quarter at Eastern Michigan (Oct. 18). He played the first half only the next week against Ohio (Oct. 25)

and had 49 yards on five carries, but did not play at Ball State (Nov. 1). He rushed for 97 yards on 11 tries against Kent (Nov. 8) before sitting out the second half, and then DNP at Toledo (Nov. 15). **1996-** Lagasse dislocated his left elbow in the season opener at Ohio (Aug. 29) and was expected to miss six-to-eight weeks. He returned for Week 7 at Central Michigan (Oct. 12) and played a key role in the Zips' turn-around the second half of the season. He had 99 all-purpose yards at Central and was the Zips' leading rusher (59 yards) in a 10-7 upset of Miami (Oct. 19). **1995-** Joined as a walk-on and did not see any game action.

HIGH SCHOOL: A 1994 graduate of Niskayuna HS near Schenectady, N.Y., Lagasse's family moved to Hudson, Ohio. He became the first RB in his school's history to top 1,000 yards rushing.

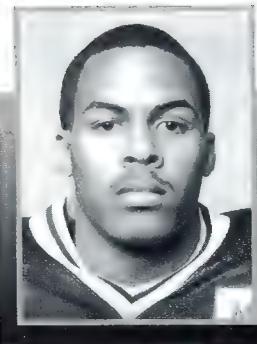
PERSONAL: That Lagasse lists Barry Sanders and Cal Ripken, Jr., as his two favorite athletes is no surprise. He posted a 3.20 GPA last spring semester as a mass media communication major and is the son of Robert and Charleen Lagasse. DOB: March 13, 1976.



| Year | Starts | Att. | Net. | Avg. | TD | LG | KOR | Yds. | TD |
|--------|--------|------|------|------|----|----|-----|------|----|
| 1996 | 6/2 | 49 | 209 | 4.3 | 0 | 21 | 7 | 148 | 0 |
| 1997 | 9/8 | 60 | 359 | 6.0 | 2 | 33 | 18 | 431 | 0 |
| Totals | 15/10 | 109 | 583 | 5.3 | 2 | 33 | 25 | 579 | 0 |

Shaunel Lodge's statistics:

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|------|--------|------|-------|-----|----|----|------|-------|
| 1997 | 0 | 12 | 18 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |



Shaunel Lodge*

6-0 ♦ 200 ♦ Jr./So.

Canton
McKinley

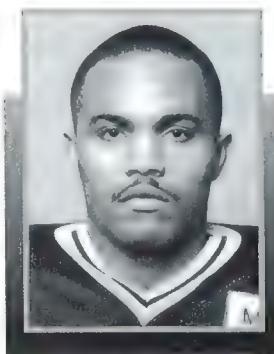
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No. 2 on the CB depth chart most of last season, Shaunel Lodge is eyeing more action in 1998. He had six solo tackles at Ball State (Nov. 1) when Jerome Cargile went down with a blow to the head.

HIGH SCHOOL: An honor roll student at Canton McKinley HS, Lodge earned special mention Division I All-Ohio honors and was an All-Stark County selection by WHBC radio, the *Canton Repository* and the *Akron Beacon Journal*. An all-around athlete, he was also a member of McKinley baseball and track teams.

PERSONAL: The son of Wiley Lodge and Julia Renee Rushin, he is a sports medicine major. Birthdate: Dec. 6, 1977.



Julius

Lancaster**

6-1 ♦ 200 ♦ Sr./Jr.

Canton
McKinley

DB

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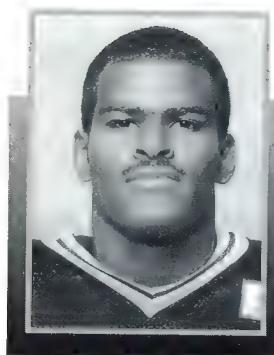
Physically strong, Julius Lancaster is working to get back in the Zips' starting lineup. Lancaster can squat 500 pounds and power clean over 300. Led the Gold with eight tackles in '98 spring game.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- Lancaster started the first four games at strong safety and had a season-high seven stops at Miami (Sept. 13). He had an interception and a blocked field goal the next week against Bowling Green (Sept. 20). Sidelined for the Kent and Toledo games with recurring shoulder stingers. **1996-** Lancaster missed the first seven games of the season recovering from a fractured bone in his foot. His first game back was the Zips' 10-7 win over Miami (Oct. 19). Used primarily on the punt return, kickoff return, and kickoff special teams (credited with one tackle), he had an apparent touchdown at Northern Illinois (Oct. 26) waved off, after Jaiye Murdock's punt block. **1995-** Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: Lancaster received special mention All-Ohio honors as well as first-team All-Stark County accolades from WHBC radio and the *Canton Repository*. A prep teammate of Zip defensive back Shaunel Lodge, he was presented the Dick Kempthorn Award his senior year as McKinley's top defensive player.

PERSONAL: The son of Kenneth Lancaster and Wende Perrin, he is a communication major. Birthdate: Oct. 9, 1976.

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|------|--------|------|-------|-----|----|----|------|-------|
| 1996 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 1997 | 4 | 14 | 22 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0-0 |



**Greg
Lomax*****

RB

5-10 ◆ 194 ◆ Sr./Sr.

**Monongahela, Pa.
Ringgold**

Last fall was a breakthrough season for senior tailback Greg Lomax. He ranked ninth in the MAC in rushing at 75.9 yards per game. Akron's top 40-yard dash man (4.34), Lomax is a gifted athlete, with a 37 1/2-inch vertical jump and a bench-squat-clean total of 1,171-pounds. He has four career 100-yard rushing games.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- Although he started just two games, Lomax had Akron's highest Division I-A rushing total in 11 seasons. His career-high of 173 yards (on 18 carries) came against Kent (Nov. 8). Lomax also had 100-yard games against Marshall (117) and Ohio (150). He has two of the five longest runs in school history, with a 92-yard TD gallop vs. Ohio (AT&T Long Distance winner) and an 87-yard scoring run against Kent. Lomax had four runs of 40 or more yards and led the team with 54 points (nine TDs) and a 6.6 average per carry. He won UA awards as the Most Valuable Back,



Fred Sefton Top Offensive Performer, and Red Blair High Scorer. **1996-** Lomax broke into the starting lineup against Toledo in Week 3, but had his best performance of the season at Illinois the next week (six carries for 33 yards, one reception for 28 yards). He had his season-long 36-yard run at Kent. **1995-** Lomax made two starts and popped a 105-yard rushing effort at Toledo's Glass Bowl in the next to the last game of the season. He also had a 3-yard TD run against Youngstown. **1994-** Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: Named to the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette's* Fabulous 22 team and first-team All-Quad West Conference, Lomax rushed for 1,224 yards on 153 carries and scored 18 touchdowns his senior season for Ringgold HS coach Chuck Colbourn.

PERSONAL: The son of Greg and Janice Lomax, his father played college football at Arizona State and Edinboro. A communication major, he has an older sister. Birthdate: August 7, 1975.

| Year | Starts | Att. | Net. | Avg. | TD | LG | Rec. | Yds. | TD |
|--------|--------|------|------|------|----|----|------|------|----|
| 1995 | 2 | 50 | 158 | 3.2 | 1 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1996 | 1 | 28 | 122 | 4.4 | 0 | 36 | 1 | 28 | 0 |
| 1997 | 2 | 127 | 835 | 6.6 | 9 | 92 | 10 | 167 | 0 |
| Totals | 5 | 205 | 1115 | 5.4 | 10 | 92 | 11 | 195 | 0 |



**Thomas
McBride***

OL

6-4 ◆ 315 ◆ Jr./So.

**Warrensville Hghts.
Warrensville Hghts.**

76

No. 2 on the OL depth chart last fall and this past spring, Thomas McBride is making strides in the weight room. He can play guard or tackle and was a member last season's 60-man travel roster.

HIGH SCHOOL: McBride gained All-Northeast Ohio notice while playing at Warrensville Heights HS and was nominated for the North-South All-Star Game.

PERSONAL: The son of Tom and Betty McBride, he is a computer science major. Posted 3.02 GPA last spring. DOB: May 20, 1978.



**Jeremy
Maxa*****

DL

6-3 ◆ 260 ◆ Sr./Sr.

**Finleyville, Pa.
Thomas Jefferson**

94

The Zips need veteran defensive lineman Jeremy Maxa to deliver the best season of his career. Defensive coordinator Joe Palmisano is counting on Pennsylvanians Jamey Bennett and Maxa to lead a retooled defensive front. Flip-flopped between end and tackle, Maxa has been a factor since he arrived at UA and will letter four years. Bothered by a bad back, he sat out the 1998 Blue-Gold spring game.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- Maxa missed the Marshall (Oct. 11) and Eastern Michigan (Oct. 18) games with an elbow injury. He had a season-high five solo tackles against Bowling Green (Sept. 20) and four tackles apiece at Nebraska (Aug. 30) and LSU (Sept. 27).

1996- Maxa started the Zips' season-opener at Ohio and finished the campaign with six stops, including TFLs against the Bobcats and the Fighting Illini. **1995-** As a true freshman, Maxa saw plenty of action and racked up 20 tackles (12 solo). He had six tackles (one behind the line) against Ohio, a TFL at Bowling Green, a quarterback sack against Youngstown State, and a fumble recovery at Toledo.

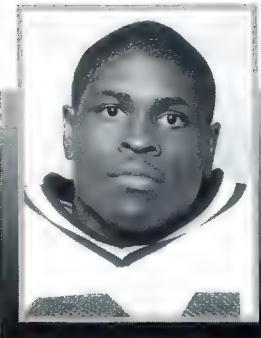
HIGH SCHOOL: Maxa had a huge senior season at middle linebacker for Thomas Jefferson HS. He collected 150 tackles, five sacks and three INTs to earn team MVP and first-team all-conference.

PERSONAL: The son of Jerry and Alberta Maxa, he is a secondary education/history major. Birthdate: Aug. 6, 1977.

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|--------|--------|------|-------|------|----|----|------|-------|
| 1995 | 0 | 12 | 20 | 3-10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1-4 |
| 1996 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 2-10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 1997 | 1 | 12 | 22 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Totals | 2 | 27 | 48 | 6-21 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1-4 |

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PLAYERS



**Andre
McCray*****

5-10 ◆ 185 ◆ Sr./Sr.

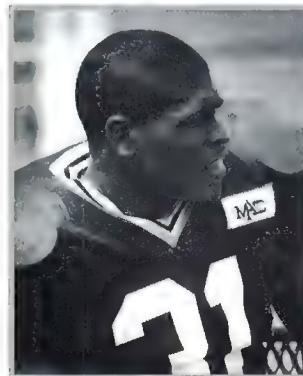
**Akron
Buchtel**

DB

Andre McCray will collect career tackle No. 200 early in the 1998 season and once again be a top candidate for All-MAC honors. One of the league's most ferocious hitters (five career forced fumbles), McCray has the sixth fastest 40-yard dash (4.46) on the team and a bench press-power clean-squat total of 1,076 pounds. Hard-working and humble, he represented the University at the 1997 NCAA student-athlete leadership conference in Orlando, Fla. **ZIP CAREER: 1997-** McCray was Akron's nominee at the MAC's Vern Smith Player of the Year banquet. A team captain and preseason All-MAC pick by several publications, McCray ranked third on the team in tackles (73), with a season-high eight solo stops against Ohio (Oct. 25). He paced the squad with nine pass break-ups and was third with five TFLs. McCray also forced a huge fumble against Kent (Nov. 8). He was chosen UA's Top Defensive Performer along with George Germany and shared Outstanding Junior with Carl Whitt. Also a USA Today Positive Performer. **1996-** Chosen second-team All-MAC and the recipient of four Zip awards, McCray established himself as one of the bright young stars in the Mid-American Conference. Logging 109 tackles (second only to Nate Boyd's 150), McCray forced two fumbles at Illinois and had two TFLs at Northern Illinois, including one on third-and-goal at the Zips' 1. He had double-digit tackle figures in six games and had a season-high 16 (11 solo) and a touchdown pass break-up at Central Michigan (Oct. 12). McCray earned UA's co-Defensive MVP, Outstanding Back, Outstanding Sophomore and Captain awards. **1995-** Used primarily on special teams, McCray earned a scholarship with his performance.

HIGH SCHOOL: A freshman starter, McCray starred on the gridiron for coach Tim Flossie at Akron Buchtel HS, but missed his senior year when he broke the tibia and fibula bones in his leg.

PERSONAL: McCray attended Howard University in Washington, D.C., right out of high school (did not play football), but later transferred back home to UA. The son of Sandra McCray, he is a secondary education major and carries a solid 3.00 GPA. Brothers Tony and Raymond (Junior) are Zips as well. DOB: Nov. 2, 1975.



| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|--------|--------|------|-------|------|----|----|------|-------|
| 1995 | 0 | 6 | 14 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 1996 | 11 | 62 | 109 | 2-2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 1997 | 11 | 40 | 73 | 5-18 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0.5-3 |
| Totals | 22 | 108 | 196 | 7-20 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0.5-3 |



**Jamie
O'Neill***

6-3 ◆ 255 ◆ Jr./So.

Norton, Mass.

Milford Academy

97

With three openings along the defensive line, there is plenty of opportunity for redshirt sophomore Jamie O'Neill. The Milford (Conn.) Academy product currently is listed No. 2 on the depth chart behind senior defensive end Jeremy Maxa. Improving in the weight room, O'Neill has a 500-pound squat to his credit.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- A member of the 60-man travel roster, O'Neill saw limited action and had one assisted tackle at Eastern Michigan (Oct. 18). **1996-** Redshirt.

PREP/HIGH SCHOOL: O'Neill played with tailback Bo Hunter at Milford. He racked up 80 stops and seven sacks as a senior defensive lineman at Norton (Mass.) HS, earning first-team all-league notice. Career stats: 200-plus tackles and 17 sacks.

PERSONAL: The son of James and Donna O'Neill, he is a child development major. Birthdate: June 4, 1976.

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|------|--------|------|-------|-----|----|----|------|-------|
| 1997 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |



**Paul
Ondrusiek***

6-3 ◆ 300 ◆ So./So.

Darlington, Pa.

Blackhawk

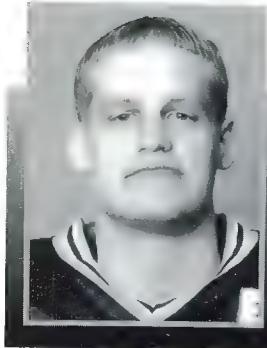
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A prize recruit when he signed with the Zips, Paul Ondrusiek will make a greater contribution in 1998, playing either on the offensive or defensive line. Possessing a 400-pound bench press, Ondrusiek has a fine mix of agility, strength and technical skill for a big man. He is a key player in the future of the program.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- A member of the 60-man travel roster, Ondrusiek was listed as the No. 2 strong tackle behind Rex Pyles. He also played on the goal line defensive unit (one tackle).

HIGH SCHOOL: Ondrusiek hails from tradition-rich Beaver County, Pa. A member of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Fabulous 22, Ondrusiek was heavily recruited by two Atlantic Coast Conference schools and several other Division I-A programs. He earned second-team All-Pennsylvania (big school class) as an OL. Blackhawk won the WPIAL championship and finished runnerup in the state playoffs.

PERSONAL: The son of David and Janice Ondrusiek, he posted a 3.42 GPA during the spring semester and made the Dean's List. Business Administration major. Birthdate: March 10, 1978.



Gregg Peugeot**

WR

6-2 ♦ 200 ♦ Jr./Jr.

Sandusky
Sandusky

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A candidate for Academic All-MAC, junior wide receiver Gregg Peugeot demonstrated his multiple talents in the '98 Blue-Gold game, carrying the ball twice for 26 yards and completing one pass for 17 yards. Peugeot heads into August drills as the team's No. 3 receiver. He has been an invaluable member of Zip special teams. **ZIP CAREER:** 1997- Peugeot caught two passes for 24 yards against Central Michigan (Oct. 4) and one pass for eight yards against Bowling Green (Sept. 20). 1996- A member of the 60-man travel roster, Peugeot made all six trips and caught his first college pass, a 4-yarder at Central Michigan (Oct. 12) from Greg Gromek. He played on the kick return team and earned a letter award.

HIGH SCHOOL: Peugeot served as captain of the football, basketball, and track teams at Sandusky HS. As a senior quarterback, he totaled 1,000 yards of offense (8 TDs).

PERSONAL: The son of Allan and Lori Peugeot, he is a secondary education/mathematics major and carries a Dean's List GPA at 3.47. Posted 3.85 last spring semester. DOB: Dec. 13, 1977.

| Year | Starts | Rec | Yds | Avg. | TD | LG | Tackles |
|--------|--------|-----|-----|------|----|----|---------|
| 1996 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4.0 | 0 | 8 | 0-0-0 |
| 1997 | 0 | 3 | 32 | 10.7 | 0 | 16 | 3-2-5 |
| Totals | 0 | 4 | 36 | 9.0 | 0 | 16 | 3-2-5 |



Rex Pyles**

OL

6-5 ♦ 315 ♦ Sr./Jr.

Wheelersburg
Wheelersburg

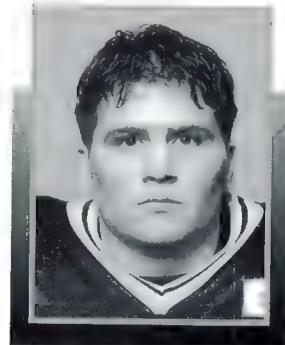
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Another pillar in the Zips' stalwart offensive line is junior tackle Rex Pyles. An excellent drive blocker, Pyles is difficult to shed once he's locked onto a defender. The Wheelersburg native has been successful juggling the commitments of Division I-A football and track & field. As one of the top throwers in MAC track circles, the bashful 6-5, 315-pounder holds UA school marks in the discus and shot put. **ZIP CAREER:** 1997- A starter in all 11 games, Pyles settled in at strong tackle next to guard Dan Wessman and gave the Zips a good 1-2 push when running the ball. Akron was the 11th best team in the nation rushing the ball (221.0 yards per game) and yielded just 10 quarterback sacks the entire season. 1996- On the 60-man

travel roster, Pyles was listed as a No. 2 strong tackle and played well when pressed into action against Bowling Green (Nov. 2). **1995-** Redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Pyles was selected as the Southern Ohio Conference Lineman of the Year and first-team All-Southern District. He hurled the shot put 56-6 and was a state qualifier.

PERSONAL: The son of Robert and Marijo Pyles, he placed second in discus (162-6) and fourth in shot put (53-2 3/4) at the '97 Mid-American Conference Track & Field Championships (13 points). He took a redshirt for the '98 track season and concentrated on football. Zip teammate Jon Eaton also hails from Wheelersburg. Business major. DOB: July 6, 1976.



Ben Ruhlin*

RB

5-9 ♦ 185 ♦ Jr./So.

Stow
Stow

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Pound for pound, tailback Ben Ruhlin is the toughest, scrappiest member of the Akron Zip team. A walk-on, Ruhlin ran headlong into the UA's No. 1 defense during the '98 Blue-Gold game and churned out 108 yards on 13 rush attempts and four pass receptions. He showed the same competitive spirit in the '97 spring game.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- A member of the 60-man travel roster, Ruhlin played on the kick return team and had a 4-yard TD run and 17-yard burst late against Central Michigan (Oct. 4). He also had two kick returns during the season for 34 yards. 1996- Redshirt.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ruhlin was a two-time all-metro pick and earned honorable mention All-NE Ohio his senior year. He rushed for nearly 1,000 yards and helped Stow gain a state playoff berth in 1995 (lost in OT to Lakewood). He also lettered in track and field.

PERSONAL: The son of Ben and Becky Ruhlin, he is a business administration major and a solid "B" student. DOB: Feb. 14, 1978.



| Year | Starts | Att. | Net. | Avg. | TD | LG | KOR | Yds. | TD |
|------|--------|------|------|------|----|----|-----|------|----|
| 1997 | 0 | 9 | 56 | 6.2 | 1 | 17 | 2 | 34 | 0 |

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Rich Reliford*

5-9 ♦ 180 ♦ So./So.

Bolingbrook, Ill.
Bolingbrook

DB

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A future GTE Academic All-America candidate, Rich Reliford is one of the bright young stars in Akron's camp. Humble and exceedingly talented, Reliford is a "coach's dream." He registered seven stops and two pass break-ups in the spring game and is a No. 1 CB. **ZIP CAREER:** 1997- The Zips' Outstanding Freshman Award winner, Reliford broke into the starting lineup against Central Michigan (Oct. 4), after a seven-tackle performance at LSU (Sept. 27). He ranked sixth on the team in tackles (40), had INTs at Ball State (Nov. 1) and against Kent (Nov. 8) and a 13-yard punt return against Ohio (Oct. 25). Also recovered two fumbles, seven PBUs. **HIGH SCHOOL:** An honorable mention all-state selection at Bolingbrook HS, Reliford returned a punt, a kickoff and an interception for a touchdown during 1996. He was a first-team all-league and second-team all-area pick, in addition to being academic all-state. He also was a track letterman.

PERSONAL: The son of John and Shirley Reliford, he posted a 3.10 GPA as a freshman engineering student and was on the Dean's List in the fall semester. Birthdate: April 12, 1979.

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | PR-Yds |
|------|--------|------|-------|-----|----|----|------|--------|
| 1997 | 7 | 26 | 40 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6-38 |



Anthony Slimon**

DL

Alliance
West Branch

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Powerful and strong, Anthony Slimon is listed No. 2 at nose tackle behind Jamey Bennett. He had two solo tackles during the Blue-Gold game. **ZIP CAREER:** Slimon registered 20 stops (13 solo), including TFLs against LSU (Sept. 27) and Central Michigan (Oct. 4). Started the Ohio game (Oct. 25) for Bennett. Redshirted in 1996. Slimon lettered in '95, after making six tackles (one TFL) in limited action. **HIGH SCHOOL:** He had 101 tackles his senior year and earned first-team all-conference, all-district and all-area honors at West Branch.

PERSONAL: The son of Edward and Jennie Slimon, he is a psychology major and posted a 3.23 GPA during spring semester, 1997. Birthdate: Feb. 6, 1977.



Eric Small***

LB

5-9 ♦ 205 ♦ Sr./Sr.

Akron
Buchtel

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Resilient senior LB Eric Small is following in a long line of talented Akron Buchtel Griffins. Originally a walk-on, he earned a scholarship and is battling back from another injury. Small is compact and explosive, and is working to finish his career with a bang. **ZIP CAREER:** 1997- Small separated his right shoulder at Eastern Michigan (Oct. 18) and missed the rest of the season. Assisted on nine stops at Miami (Sept. 13). 1996- Small started two games (Miami and Northern Illinois) and ranked second on the club in fumble recoveries with three, including a big one to set up UA's only touchdown in a 10-7 win over Miami (Oct. 19). He had five stops apiece at Central Michigan (Oct. 12) and Northern Illinois (Oct. 26). 1995- As a true freshman, he had five special teams hits. **HIGH SCHOOL:** An All-City pick as a senior for Tim Flossie at Buchtel, he had 70 tackles, two INTs and 150 rushing yards.

PERSONAL: The son of Marla Brown, he is a sociology/corrections major. Small is able to bench press 385 lbs. DOB: Nov. 24, 1976.

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|--------|--------|------|-------|-----|----|----|------|-------|
| 1995 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 1996 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 1997 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Totals | 2 | 8 | 38 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0-0 |



Dwight Smith*

DB

5-11 ♦ 195 ♦ So./So.
Detroit, Mich.
Central

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Not approved by the NCAA clearinghouse until late September '97, the UA coaching staff quickly got Dwight Smith onto the field. A defensive back and kick returner, Smith had seven tackles, one INT (vs. Kent), four punt returns (38 yards) and eight KO returns (18.4 per). Smith has sprinter's speed, having rushed for over 1,000 yards and 10 TDs as a senior at Detroit Central HS. He collected 111 tackles and led the nation with 12 INTs (two TD returns). One survey rated him the 16th best HS prospect in Michigan.

Anthony Slimon's career statistics:

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|--------|--------|------|-------|-----|----|----|------|-------|
| 1995 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 1-6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| 1997 | 1 | 13 | 20 | 2-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Totals | 1 | 17 | 26 | 3-8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |



Nevara Smith*

WR

6-0 ◆ 195 ◆ Jr./So.

Detroit, Mich.
Cass Tech

Nevara Smith has the second fastest 40-yard dash time on the team at 4.38 seconds, but has been plagued by nagging injuries. Certainly in the mix at wide receiver, Smith has three years of eligibility remaining and will press to get on the field in some capacity. He was originally a DB and made the switch during summer '97.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- A member of the 60-man travel roster, Smith saw limited action, returning two KOs (30 yards) and making two solo tackles. He was slowed by muscle pulls in his legs. **1996-** Opted for a redshirt and preserved freshman eligibility.

HIGH SCHOOL: A standout in both football and track at Cass Tech, Smith made 50 tackles and broke up eight passes his senior season. On the cinders, he was a member of the 4x200 state championship relay team and a finalist in the 200-meter dash.

PERSONAL: The son of Nevara and Marva Smith, he is a management information systems major. Birthdate: May 27, 1978.

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Ron Smith**

DL

6-4 ◆ 265 ◆ Jr./Jr.

Reynoldsburg
Reynoldsburg

95

Ron Smith is aiming to put it all together in his junior campaign. No. 1 at DT on spring depth.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- Smith started the final five games and had TFLs against LSU (Sept. 27), Ohio (Oct. 25) and Kent (Nov. 8). Season-high five stops vs. Bobcats. **1996-** As a true freshman, Smith pushed Corey Christian for playing time at defensive end. He had four TFLs resulting in eight yards lost, including two at Eastern Michigan. Smith had a penchant for dropping big name opponents for losses, tackling Illinois' RB Robert Holcombe (Sept. 21) and sacking Eastern's MAC Freshman of the Year Walt Church for a three-yard loss (Nov. 9).

HIGH SCHOOL: An All-Capital Conference performer and captain for coach Bob Stewart at Reynoldsburg HS, Smith was the club's leading tackler his final two seasons and earned honorable mention All-District. He played basketball and was president of the school's Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter.

PERSONAL: Related to Zip cager Jawanza Moore, Smith is the son of Ronald Smith and Dorcas Sharp. DOB: July 20, 1978.



Joe Trudeau*

OL

6-8 ◆ 312 ◆ Jr./So.
Toledo
Central Catholic

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This could be the year Joe Trudeau steps out and becomes a dominant offensive tackle. Pushing Steve Hale for time at quick tackle, Trudeau is an excellent pass blocker, with long arms, good feet and unlimited potential. He has worked hard in the weight room to gain added strength needed to become a better drive blocker.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- Trudeau started the final five games of the season and the Zips did not skip a beat. Akron ranked 11th nationally in rushing offense (221.0 yards/game) and yielded just 10 sacks the entire season. Trudeau helped the Zips grind out 306 yards rushing against Ohio (Oct. 25) and 470 yards on the ground against Kent (Nov. 8). **1996-** Redshirt year.

HIGH SCHOOL: A "sleeper" coming out of Toledo Central Catholic, Trudeau was a second-team all-city guard and was an all-conference and all-star game nominee.

PERSONAL: The son of Richard and Kathryn Agoston, he is a political science/criminal justice major. His sister, Sadie, is a thrower for Central Michigan's track team. Made the Dean's List both semesters last year, raised overall GPA to 3.17. Birthdate: Nov. 7, 1977.

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|--------|--------|------|-------|------|----|----|------|-------|
| 1996 | 0 | 12 | 17 | 4-8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-3 |
| 1997 | 5 | 14 | 19 | 3-10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Totals | 5 | 26 | 36 | 7-18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-3 |



Kevin Vaughn*

LB

5-11 ◆ 190 ◆ So./So.
Akron
Ellet

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Vaughn made an immediate impact as a true freshman, making the travel roster, cracking the two-deep and seeing action on three special teams (seven tackles). **HIGH SCHOOL:** Vaughn was a Division II all-district selection and the Offensive Player of the Year in the Akron City Series as a quarterback. He threw for 898 yards and 12 TDs and rushed for 459 yards and nine scores. Vaughn had 78 tackles as a LB and averaged 38 yards per punt. Also an all-city baseball player, leading Ellet to the district final. **PERSONAL:** The son of Kenneth and Janice Vaughn, his birthdate is Oct. 10, 1978.

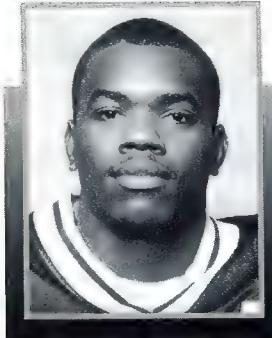
| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|------|--------|------|-------|-----|----|----|------|-------|
| 1997 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |



James Washington*

QB

6-0 ♦ 203 ♦ Jr./So.

Columbus
Beechcroft

James "Butchie" Washington came out of spring drills as the clear-cut No. 1 quarterback. He completed 7-of-13 passes in the Blue-Gold game for 223 yards and one TD. He's 2-0 as a starter in spring games. Demonstrating great poise and excellent footwork, Washington can put pressure on the corner and will turn it upfield.

ZIP CAREER: 1997-

Washington saw action in 10 of 11 games (ex. Bowling Green) and started the final five games when Greg Gromek suffered a season-ending knee injury at Marshall (Oct. 11). Earlier, he hooked up with Lavel Bailey on an acrobatic 69-yard scoring pass play at Nebraska (Aug. 30). He completed a career-high 12 passes at Ball State (Nov. 1).

1996- Made four trips in an emergency/educational capacity, but did not play and retained freshman eligibility.

HIGH SCHOOL: Washington was an all-city, all-district and All-Ohio quarterback as a senior at Beechcroft HS. He was the team's offensive MVP and captain his senior year, when he ran for 15 TDs and passed for 10. He also lettered in basketball and tennis.

PERSONAL: The son of James and Edna Washington, he is a physical education major. Birthdate: Nov. 5, 1977.



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| Year | Starts | Att. | Com. | Pct. | Yds. | TD | Int. | LG | Eff. |
|------|--------|------|------|------|------|----|------|----|-------|
| 1997 | 10/5 | 108 | 49 | .454 | 526 | 1 | 6 | 69 | 78.23 |

1997 Game-by-game passing (Attempts-Comp.-Yards-TD-Int)

Nebraska 6-4-93-1-0; Miami 7-3-7-0-0; LSU 8-4-71-0-2; C. Michigan 3-1-7-0-0; Marshall 2-1-19-0-0; E. Michigan 14-4-17-0-1; Ohio 11-5-62-0-1; Ball State 23-12-90-0-1; Kent 14-6-84-0-0; Toledo 20-9-76-0-1.

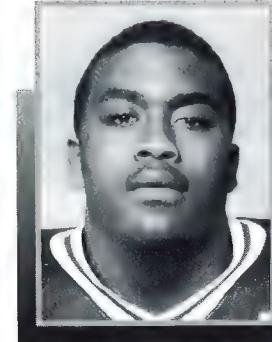
Chuck Webb***

TE

6-5 ♦ 270 ♦ Sr./Sr.

Elizabeth, Pa.
Forward

An excellent blocker, if Chuck Webb can become a pass-catching threat, then he will have mastered the tight end position. Webb played a key role in Akron's ground attack last fall, but needs to



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develop greater awareness in running pass patterns and making the grab in traffic. "Chuck has the physical tools to be an all-league tight end," says Zip coach Lee Owens. A deceptively gifted athlete, Webb had the fifth best pro agility run time on the squad (4.42) in 1997.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- Webb started nine games at tight end and caught passes against Bowling Green, LSU and Central Michigan. He also saw action on the punt and kick return special teams.

1996- At midseason, Webb moved from defensive end to tight end. He started the Western Michigan (Sept. 28) game and was a regular member of the punt return team. Webb did not make any receptions, but did letter. **1995-** As a DE, he logged seven tackles and one sack at W. Michigan (Oct. 8). Webb drew a starting assignment in the season opener against E. Michigan (Sept. 2). **1994-** Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: A third-team All-State choice in football, Webb was an All-Keystone Conference choice on both offense and defense. He averaged 11 tackles and 2 sacks per game, while playing for coach George Lammay. Webb averaged 15 points per game junior and senior cage seasons (all-league). Also threw the javelin.

PERSONAL: The son of Charles and Diane Webb, he has an uncle, Charles Crawley, who is an NFL official. Webb is a sociology/law enforcement major. Birthdate: July 18, 1976.

| Year | Starts | Rec | Yds | Avg. | TD | LG |
|------|--------|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| 1997 | 9 | 3 | 34 | 11.3 | 0 | 19 |



Dan Wessman**

OL

6-2 ♦ 306 ♦ Sr./Jr.

Mayfield Village
Mayfield Heights

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An All-MAC offensive line candidate, burly Dan Wessman is one of the unheralded heroes in Akron's offensive success. A two-year starter with two seasons left, Wessman is an excellent run blocker, whose strength, technique and determination make him one the MAC's finest. A key player in Akron's offensive gameplan.

ZIP CAREER: 1997- An Academic All-MAC selection, Wessman started all 11 games at strong guard. His contribution enabled UA to rank 11th nationally in rushing offense (221.0 yards per game) and limited Akron opponents to 10 quarterback sacks. Wessman received the first Lifter of the Year Award (bench-power clean-squat total is 1,445 pounds) following the season. Dean's List spring semester, 3.25 GPA. **1996-** Wessman graded out the highest of any Zip offensive lineman and started the final six games, playing a key role in UA's second-half turn-around. The line did an excellent job of protecting true freshman QB Greg Gromek, yielding just three sacks in 4 1/2 games. **1995-** He sustained an ankle injury his freshman year in preseason camp and eventually redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL: Wessman gained HM All-Ohio grid honors as well as first-team all-district and all-league accolades. He was Mayfield Heights' most valuable lineman on both offense and defense.

PERSONAL: The son of Dan and Carol Wessman, he is an education major. Carries 3.12 cum GPA. DOB: Dec. 26, 1976.



Carl WR

Whitt***

6-0 ◆ 185 ◆ Sr./Sr.

**Warren
Champion**

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The Zips' leading returning receiver, senior Carl Whitt is thought to be one of the best downfield blockers in the Mid-American Conference. Originally a walk-on, Whitt's toughness and determination have made him a big-play weapon in the Zips' arsenal. He caught four passes for 136 yards in the '98 Blue-Gold game.

ZIP CAREER: **1997-** A starter in 11 games, Whitt shared the Outstanding Junior Award with defensive back Andre McCray. He ranked second on the club with 15 grabs for an average gain of 18.4 yards per catch (tied for team leadership). He had a 34-yard TD reception at Miami (Sept. 13) and a 28-yarder vs. Central Michigan (Oct. 4). Whitt had three catches for 61 yards against Bowling Green (Sept. 20) and three grabs for 69 yards against Central. **1996-**



Whitt started the season opener at Ohio (Aug. 29) and finished the year ranked third on the team in receptions (14). He had a career-high four catches at Kent (Oct. 5) for 51 yards and three grabs at Eastern Michigan (Nov. 9). Whitt also had an 18-yard punt return against Miami (Oct. 19) and was on the receiving end of Greg Gromek's first college completion, a 59-yarder at Central Michigan (Oct. 12). He made a circus catch in the corner of the end zone (8-yarder from Mike Junko) against Virginia Tech (Sept. 7) to keep the Zips' hopes alive. **1995-** As a true freshman, Whitt caught eight balls, including his first career TD grab at Toledo (Nov. 11) with 0:09 left to play.

HIGH SCHOOL: Whitt was named first-team All-Trumbull County, Northeast Ohio Inland District, and second-team All-Ohio in his senior season. His junior year, Champion finished 11-1 under coach Nick Roberts and lost in the second round of the state playoffs.

PERSONAL: The son of George and Alice Whitt, he is a finance major. Birthdate: July 4, 1977.

| Year | Starts | Rec | Yds | Avg. | TD | LG | PR. | Yds |
|--------|--------|-----|-----|------|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1995 | 0 | 8 | 107 | 13.4 | 1 | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| 1996 | 1 | 14 | 237 | 16.9 | 1 | 59 | 3 | 24 |
| 1997 | 11 | 15 | 276 | 18.4 | 2 | 34 | 3 | 11 |
| Totals | 12 | 37 | 620 | 16.8 | 4 | 59 | 6 | 35 |



Derek LB

Wilborn*

6-0 ◆ 230 ◆ Jr./So.

Waldorf, Md.

Thomas Stone

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Derek Wilborn made an impact last fall and hopes to regain his starting position this year. He gave the Zips added athleticism and currently is No. 2 on the depth at OLB behind George Cameron. Wilborn chalked up six stops in the Blue-Gold game.

ZIP CAREER: **1997-** Wilborn broke into the starting lineup for Week 5 vs. Central Michigan (Oct. 4), following an 11-tackle (six solo) game at LSU. He started five straight games before a deep thigh bruise limited his action in the final two games. Wilborn ranked eighth on the club in total tackles (36). **1996-** Opted to redshirt and retained freshman eligibility. **HIGH SCHOOL:** Wilborn garnered second-team all-state as a senior and first-team All-Southern Maryland honors after both his junior and senior seasons. He was credited with 208 tackles, eight quarterback sacks, four INTs and three fumble recoveries his senior year. A two-way performer, he also caught 23 passes, including 10 touchdowns, as a tight end.

PERSONAL: The son of Johnny and Gladys Wilborn, he is a computer science major. Birthdate: Sept. 12, 1978.

| Year | Starts | Solo | Total | TFL | FC | FR | Int. | Sacks |
|------|--------|------|-------|-----|----|----|------|-------|
| 1997 | 5 | 18 | 36 | 1-2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |



The Zip punt team lined up against MAC West Division champion Toledo. Akron's special teams play has steadily improved over the last three years.

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PLAYERS



JOE BEYKE
6-4, 250, SO/FR, TE
ST. HENRY

85 A dislocated shoulder prevented redshirt freshman tight end Joe Beyke from making the progress he had hoped to during spring ball. Beyke should challenge Jeremy Connor for the No. 3 spot on the TE depth chart. Twice selected first-team All-Midwest Athletic Conference, Beyke was chosen All-Northwest Ohio as a senior. He hooked up with QB Ryan Uhlenhake 33 times in 1996 for over 500 yards as the Redskins were Division VI runners-up. St. Henry won the state title in '94 and '95.

He is the son of William and Mary Beyke. Birthdate: Sept. 4, 1978.



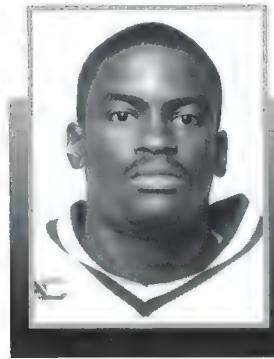
AARON BROWN
6-8, 220, SO/FR, DE
DETROIT, MICH. (ST.MARTIN DEPORRES)

99 Another player whose stock went up during spring ball is redshirt freshman DE Aaron Brown. He registered six solo tackles, including a nine-yard sack, in the Blue-Gold game and came out of spring drills No. 1 on the depth chart. Brown resembled a young Jason Taylor chasing down ball carriers. As a senior at St. Martin DePorres, he racked up a team-high 14 quarterback sacks helped his team win the Michigan Class B state title. He also lettered four years in basketball.

He is the son of Ronald and Mary Brown. Birthdate: March 7, 1978.



Aaron Brown



RICKIE COBLE
5-11, 180, SO/FR, DB
CHARLOTTE, NC (HARGROVE MILITARY)

40 Originally a wide receiver, Rickie Coble is one of the fastest Zips on the roster. He came out spring practice No. 2 on the CB depth chart. A sub 4.5 40-yard dash man, Coble is a graduate of Charlotte (N.C.) Providence HS. He attended Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Va., during 1996-97 and was tabbed Hargrave's Outstanding Senior Athlete. Coble ran back two punts for touchdowns, took one INT the distance and caught 14 balls for 326 yards and three scores. He also won the state 200-meter dash title and held the HMA mark in the 100 (10.69). He is the son of Linda Coble. Birthdate: Feb. 9, 1979.



ARLUNE CULLER
5-10, 235, JR/SO, FB
CANTON (WALSH UNIVERSITY)

45 With the fullback slot wide open, Canton GlenOak product Arlune Culler has his eye fixed on winning the position. Culler packs a wallop as a blocker and proved difficult to bring down during the spring game, carrying six times for 32 yards and three touchdowns.

He played one season for former Zip grid coach Jim Dennison at Walsh University and was Defensive MVP. Culler starred at GlenOak, earning team defensive MVP honors as a senior linebacker. He was chosen for the Stark County East-West All-Star Game and was a prep teammate of Zip guard Chad Smith and former Zip Carlos Humphries. He is the son of Arlune and Tanya Culler.



STAN CWALINSKI
6-1, 185, SO/FR, QB
Berea (Midpark)

5 Quarterbacks Stan Cwalinski and Brady Oaks were on alert last fall when Greg Gromek went down with a season-ending knee injury in Week 6. The Zips were determined to redshirt Ryan Uhlenhake and would have turned to Oaks or Cwalinski if Washington had gone down.

Cwalinski starred at Berea Midpark and elected to walk-on at UA. He was an honorable mention Northeast Lakes District Division I quarterback. An engineering major, he registered a 3.67 GPA as a freshman.

He is the son of Stan and Sharon Cwalinski. Birthdate: Oct. 23, 1978.



MIKE DELANEY
6-2, 225, SO/FR, P
CANTON (MASSILLON JACKSON)

87 A walk-on, Mike Delaney is the No. 2 punter behind senior Mike Hayes, who led the MAC with a 43.8-yard average in '97. Delaney averaged 36.1 yards per punt as a senior for the Polar Bears, including seven punts over 45 yards. He was named first-team All-Stark County and first-team by the *Canton Repository*.

He is the son of David and Sue Delaney. Birthdate: May 23, 1979.



ZAC DERR
5-8, 145, SO/FR, PK
PITTSBURGH, PA. (SHALER)

14 Diminutive Zac Derr has plenty of leg. He is battling Nick Jamison to replace Jamie Stidham as the Zips' No. 1 placekicker. He earned all-area notice and helped Shaler HS qualify for the WPIAL playoffs. A three-time all-conference placekicker and a brilliant student, Derr is considering a pre-law major.

In the '98 Blue-Gold game he converted two extra points and wound up with a 3.88 GPA in the College of Arts & Sciences his freshman year.

He is the son of Linda Derr. Birthdate: March 8, 1979.



JEFF GRZESKOWIAK
6-5, 290, SO/FR, OL
NORTH OLMSTED (HOLY NAME)

72 When coach Lee Owens talks about the quality depth along the offensive line, he is talking about players like redshirt freshman Jeff Grzeskowiak (gress-KOE-ee-ack).

Being groomed for the future, Grzeskowiak will glean plenty of knowledge working behind Steve Hale, Joe Trudeau and Rex Pyles. He is a fine offensive line prospect who starred at Holy Name HS and earned first-team all-league honors. Grzeskowiak also was an honorable-mention All-Cuyahoga County pick by the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* and an HM all-district choice.

He is the son of Randy and Rosemary Grzeskowiak. Birthdate: Nov. 9, 1978.



GEORGE HARRIS
6-2, 285, SO/FR, OL
LORAIN (AMHERST-STEELE)

65 Another player who has come on like gangbusters since the 1997 season ended is redshirt freshman OL George Harris. His work ethic in the weight room is unsurpassed. He's also the No. 2 strong guard behind All-MAC candidate Dan Wessman.

Harris gained plenty of attention at Amherst-Steele HS as a two-way lineman (DE/OG) and was a two-time all-district choice and a first-team All-Lorain County defensive end by the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. He piled up 63 tackles (43 solo) and 10 tackles behind the line in '96 and helped reach the Division III regional final in 1995.

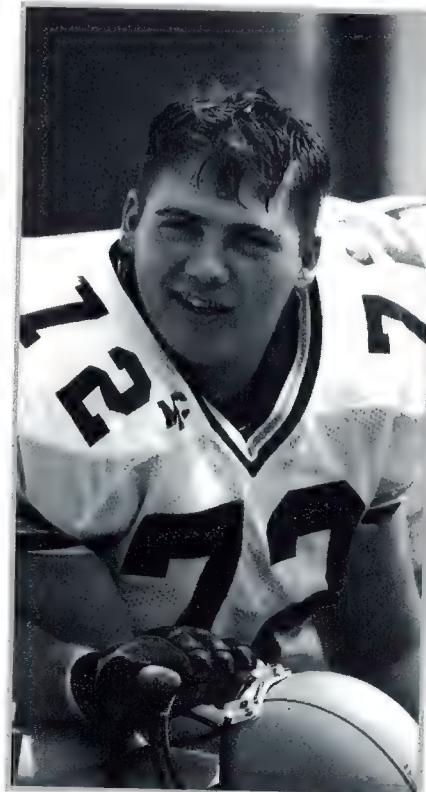
The son of George and Eileen Harris, he pulled a 3.83 GPA as a freshman. DOB: 3/20/79.



RYAN HUFFMAN
5-10, 180, SO/FR, DB
COPLEY (REVERE)

25 Last season was a year acclimation for redshirt freshman Ryan Huffman. Clocked at 4.65 in the 40, and improving to a 315-pound bench press, Huffman is slated for duty in the Zip secondary. He accumulated 3,500 career all-purpose yards during a brilliant career at Revere HS, where was a standout two-way performer and captain. Huffman earned *Akron Beacon-Journal* first-team All-Suburban League three times and *Cleveland Plain Dealer* honorable mention All-Medina/Summit County notice.

He is the son of David and Sandi Huffman. 3.24 cumulative GPA. Birthdate: Aug. 9, 1978.



Jeff Grzeskowiak

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PLAYERS



MIKE LUKANSKI
6-3, 250, SO/FR, DL
MCDONALD, PA. (FORT CHERRY)

61 Part of Akron's Fort Cherry trio, Mike Lukanski will vie for duty on the Zips' defensive line. Lukanski racked up 144 tackles and nine sacks his senior year and was team MVP and captain. A three-time All-Ohio Valley Conference pick, he was selected to play in the Big 33 game and the Washington County All-Star game. Lukanski joined Paul Ondrusik on the PA Big 33 team. A member of the National Honor Society and a leadership award winner, Lukanski played high school ball with Jamey Bennett and Mike Naleppa.

Posted a 4.00 during fall semester '97. He is the son of John and Marijane Lukanski. Birthdate: Nov. 1, 1978.



ANTHONY MCCRAY
5-8, 210, SO/FR, FB
AKRON (BUCHTEL)

44 One of the pleasant surprises of the Blue-Gold game was redshirt freshman fullback Tony McCray. He carried six times for 42 yards and popped a 26-yard TD run in the first quarter. With the fullback spot wide open, it will be huge if McCray can step up.

The younger brother of Zip standout Andre McCray (and the older brother of incoming freshman Junior McCray), McCray worked as a scout team linebacker last fall.

An all-city performer at Buchtel, he has followed in the footsteps of many talented Griffins. Transferred to Akron from Tennessee State. McCray is the son Sandra McCray. Birthdate: Aug. 18, 1977.



JOHN LURTZ
6-2, 250, SO/FR, DL
MEDINA (BOWLING GREEN STATE)

54 Bowling Green State transfer John Lurtz expects to make an impact for the Zips sooner rather than later.

Possessing a 400-pound bench press and a 4.89 clocking in the 40-yard dash, Lurtz came out of spring drills No. 1 at DE. He registered five tackles in the '98 Blue-Gold game.

A three-year starter for Medina coach John Semenik at OT, he also played defensive end and linebacker his last two seasons. Lurtz was a Division I All-Northeast Ohio pick as a senior. He helped lead the Bees to an 8-2 mark his junior season. Lurtz also lettered in track & field.

The son of John and Donna Lurtz, he is a business major. Birthdate: Dec. 15, 1977.



ED MARCH
6-0, 200, SO/FR, LB
UNIONTOWN (GREEN)

96 Ed March just loves to play football. Why else would an undersized walk-on linebacker continue to battle everyday against Division I-A football players?

March is the kind of guy who just might stick around long enough to make a contribution. A sub 5.0 40-yard dash man, March had an INT in the Blue-Gold game and returned it 26 yards to midfield. He also chipped in with two stops.

The son of Ed and Leslie March, he starred on the gridiron at Green HS and now holds a solid 2.9 GPA at UA. Birthdate: Oct. 10, 1978.



MIKE NALEPPA
6-3, 260, SO/FR, DL
MCDONALD, PA. (FORT CHERRY)

51 Another youngster who sent a message during spring ball was redshirt freshman DL Mike Naleppa. Credited with a seven-yard sack in the spring game, Naleppa joins former Fort Cherry HS teammates Jamey Bennett and Mike Lukanski on the UA defensive unit.

Naleppa was a member of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Fabulous 22 and had 8 1/2 sacks as a middle linebacker. Fort Cherry advanced to the second round of the 1996 WPIAL playoffs. An honor roll student, he piled up 173 tackles, caught five passes and punted 15 times.

He is the son of Richard and Barb Naleppa. Birthdate: Dec. 23, 1978.



BRADY OAKS
6-2, 195, SO/FR, QB
TRENTON (EDGEWOOD)

10 When Greg Gromek went down last fall, true freshman Brady Oaks suddenly climbed into the quarterback picture. Probably No. 4 on the depth chart, Oaks is a great insurance policy at a critical position. He completed 1-of-2 passes in the spring game.

Oaks graduated holding five Trenton Eddwood HS passing records, and threw for a combined 3,420 yards and 34 TDs his junior and senior seasons. He was named first-team All-Southwest Ohio, All-Butler County and was a Miami Valley all-star.

He is the son of Steve and Paula Oaks. Construction engineering major. DOB: Aug. 29, 1978.

A**A****A****A****A****PLAYERS****DAVID
POLK****6-2, 210, JR/SO, RB
EDINBORO, PA. (GENERAL McLANE)**

32 Held out of contact during spring drills, it'll be a bonus if sophomore David Polk can work his way back into the tailback rotation. He suffered a season-ending ACL knee injury in the 1997 Blue-Gold spring game.

A first-team all-state selection at General McLane HS, he rushed for a combined 2,539 yards and 38 touchdowns in his final two seasons, including a 325-yard game. A two-time All-Erie County pick, he led his team to a 24-3 mark over 1994 and '95. Polk was a four-year starter in basketball. He is the cousin of former Penn State grid standout Mark Tate.

The son of David and Angela Polk, he is undecided on a major. DOB: June 3, 1977.

**VICTOR
REDRICK****5-10, 175, SR/JR, WR
MASSILLON (GRAND RAPIDS CC)**

2 Victor Redrick redshirted last fall after matriculating from Grand Rapids (Mich.) Community College. The former Massillon Washington HS standout now has two seasons left to make his mark. After incumbents Lavel Bailey and Carl Whitt, there is room on the Zips' wide receiver depth chart. An all-area pick by the *Canton Repository* during his prep years, Redrick was a state and national qualifier in the 200 meters for the Massillon track team. He joins former high school teammate Paul Salvino on the UA roster.

Redrick is the son of Denise Bomar. Birthdate: Aug. 21, 1976.

**TIM
RITLEY****6-3, 238, SO/FR, TE
PERRY (LAKE PERRY)**

82 Add TE Tim Ritley to the list of redshirt freshmen who should make an impact in 1998. Ritley has put on 20 pounds and worked hard in the weight room. He caught an 8-yard pass in the spring game and wound up No. 2 on the depth chart behind Chuck Webb.

Ritley earned Division IV All-Ohio first-team notice as a DE and *Cleveland Plain Dealer* first-team All-Lake County as a TE. The Chagrin Valley Conference Defensive MVP, Ritley was a scholar-athlete who played for his father, Bob, and also was Lake Perry's MVP in basketball and baseball as well. Dean's List fall semester '97 with a 3.30 GPA. He is the son of Robert and Louise Ritley. Birthdate: Aug. 20, 1979.

**PAUL
SALVINO****6-3, 295, SO/FR, OL
MASSILLON (WASHINGTON)**

66 Paul Salvino is being groomed for the future. A hard worker with excellent technique, he is learning behind two of the MAC's best guards in Kevin Kuntz and Dan Wessman.

Salvino was an All-Stark County and all-district lineman for coach Jack Rose at Massillon Washington HS. He played in the county East-West game and was nominated for the Ohio North-South all-star game. Salvino was recruited by several MAC schools and may have been a bit over-shadowed by teammate Ben Mast, who signed with Michigan.

He is the son of Paul and Connie Salvino. Posted Dean's List 3.28 GPA during the fall '97 semester. Birthdate: Aug. 2, 1977.

**CHAD
SMITH****6-5, 280, JR/SO, OL
CANTON (GLENOAK)**

68 A bad shoulder strain has kept Chad Smith sidelined since Week 3 last fall. He had surgery in December. A gifted athlete, Smith had earned the backup quick guard spot behind Kevin Kuntz. His footwork is exceptional and he set OL records in the vertical jump and agility test during spring practice '97. Smith had made great progress in upper body strength over the winter of '96-97.

A first-team All-Ohio selection, he was a consensus All-Stark County pick by three news organizations out of GlenOak HS. Smith also played on GlenOak's 1995 OHSAA state championship baseball team. The son of Frederick and Joann Smith, he is a business administration major. Birthdate: Nov. 14, 1977.

**SCOTT
SMITH****6-4, 275, SO/FR, OL
WESTERVILLE (ST. FRANCIS DESALES)**

50 What do Scott Smith and George Harris have in common? Both are redshirt freshmen who came out of spring drills No. 2 on the Zips' OL depth chart. Technically sound, Smith had a great off-season and is poised to battle for the starting job at center. He made all seven trips last season as an emergency long snapper, but did not play and retains first-year eligibility. Smith was a prize recruit who gained first-team All-Ohio Division III honors at St. Francis DeSales HS. A high school teammate of Jason Wiggins, he hails from Westerville, a suburb of Columbus.

The son of Robert and Susan Smith, he is a international business major. DOB: June 20, 1978.

A A A A A PLAYERS A A A A A



RYAN UHLENHAKE
6-0, 195, SO/FR, QB
ST. HENRY

12Certainly one of the positives coming out of the 1997 season was that quarterback Ryan Uhlenhake preserved freshman eligibility, despite a season-ending knee injury to Greg Gromek in Week 6. Thought to be the team's most accurate passer, Uhlenhake got plenty of work during spring drills and then closed with an 8-for-13 passing effort for 87 yards in the Blue-Gold game. He hooked up with Shaun Black on a 51-yard TD toss in the fourth quarter to pull the Gold back within 32-20.

Uhlenhake will compete with James Washington and Gromek for the starting QB job during August drills.

Uhlenhake had a storybook high school athletic career, being named Ohio's Division VI football Player of the Year in 1995 and '96. He led St. Henry to the state championship game three times, captured two state titles and threw for 479 yards and six TDs (also rushed for 104 yards and one TD) in a 61-58 OT loss to Mogadore in the '96 championship game. As a senior he tossed 24 scoring passes and just five INTs. His career passing numbers: 6,839 yards, 56 TDs and just 16 INTs. He was No. 3 in the voting for Mr. Football in Ohio. St. Henry's all-time leading scorer in basketball, Uhlenhake averaged 21.3 points per game as a senior and was chosen third-team All-Ohio Division IV. He also maintained an Honor Roll report card and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Enrolled in the College of Business Administration, Uhlenhake achieved a 3.12 cumulative GPA as a freshman.

With a population of less than 2,000, St. Henry (near the Ohio-Indiana border, midway between Toledo and Dayton) has produced major league baseball star Wally Post, Jim Lachey of the Washington Redskins, Penn State All-America and Detroit Lion Jeff Hartings, and former Ohio State and Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Bobby Hoying and a dozen Division I football signees the last 16 years. Uhlenhake's high school coaches were Tim Boeckman for football and Fran Guilbault for basketball.

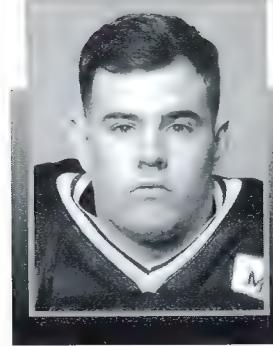
He is the son of Harold and Joan Uhlenhake. Birthdate: Aug. 2, 1978.



JACOB THOMPSON
6-3, 245, JR/SO, DL
TALLMADGE (ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY)

75It's been a long way back for Jacob Thompson. Since an ACL injury to his left knee during the '97 spring game (which kept him out the entire season), Thompson has worked to get back to where he was prior to the injury (candidate to start). The St. Vincent-St. Mary product had to undergo surgery and rehabilitation, and vowed to make a comeback. You can't help but root for this disciplined, determined young man. A solid 3.0 GPA student, he was a three-year, two-way starter for the Irish in high school. Thompson was an all-city pick and an HM All-Summit County choice as a senior.

The son of Patrick and Joan Thompson, he is an education major. Birthdate: July 13, 1978.

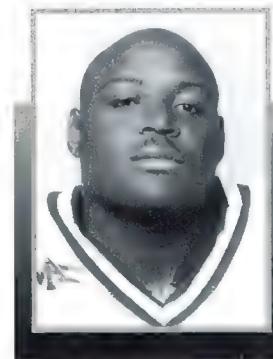


JASON WIGGINS
6-4, 260, JR/SO, DL
COLUMBUS (ST. FRANCIS DESALES)

91Jason Wiggins is determined to put the frustration of 1996 and '97 behind him. Truth be told, he's just happy to still be playing football. Plagued by nerve problems in his right shoulder, Wiggins was susceptible to "stingers" and it threatened to bring a premature end to his budding career. Never did two tackles in a spring game feel so good!

Wiggins was first-team all-district and All-Columbus Catholic League when he led DeSales in tackles as a senior. He was tabbed honorable mention All-Ohio.

The son of Don and Marilyn Wiggins, he is an engineering major and carries a 3.30 GPA. Birthdate: July 2, 1978.

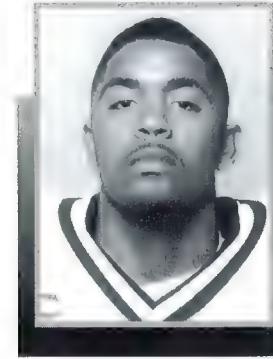


JERMAINE WILLIAMS
6-2, 310, SO/SO, DL
AKRON (CENTRAL HOWER)

77The Zips' are looking for "a few good men" along their defensive front, and this Akron Central-Hower product certainly has the talent to fill the need. Williams received a scholarship last season, along with Lavel Bailey, following the Nebraska game.

The former Eagle star made all seven trips a year ago, as an emergency defensive tackle. Fortunately, he did not have to play, and now retains three years of eligibility.

He is the son of Trimaine and Nancy Williams. Physical Education major. Birthdate: Oct. 25, 1977.



MIKE YOUNG
5-10, 180, SO/FR, DB
COLUMBUS (MIFFLIN)

3Flip-flopped between wide receiver and defensive back, Mike Young is back where he started — as a member of the Zips' secondary. He opted for a redshirt last fall to retain freshman eligibility.

Young led Central Ohio with eight interceptions as a senior at Mifflin HS and was named to the Associated Press Division III first-team All-Ohio squad for the second straight year. He was named to the Columbus Dispatch Super 25 (all divisions) first-team in '96 and second-team in '95.

The son of Curtis and Joan Young. Undecided on a major. Birthdate: Nov. 6, 1978.

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NEWCOMERS

LOUIS BANKS, 6-2, 190, WR, ALLIANCE

...is expected to give the Zips more speed at wide receiver. An all-district selection, Banks had 850 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns for Alliance HS in '96. He was named to the *Akron Beacon-Journal* All-Stark County first-team and to the All-Federal League first unit. He is the cousin of former Miami (O.) receiver Tremayne Banks.

AARON BUCK, 6-2, 205, LB, CLEVELAND (LAKEWOOD ST. EDWARD)

...was a two-year starter and Lakewood St. Edward's "Most Valuable Linebacker" during the 1997 season. As a senior, he logged 103 tackles (44 solo), including six tackles for loss, scored one defensive touchdown and blocked a field goal. Buck is a solid "B" student and a member of the St. Edward Council on Human Relations. High school teammate of Cedric Golphin, who also signed with the Zips.

JAMES COCHRAN, 6-2, 210, LB, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. (CITY COLL.)

...has been a standout linebacker at City College of San Francisco. Cochran, who lists at 6-2, 210 pounds, was also recruited by Oregon State, Eastern Michigan and Northern Arizona. The City College Rams lost the Junior College National Championship game and finished 11-1. A native of Tampa, Fla., Cochran attended Tampa Bay Tech HS and racked up 168 stops his senior year.

DURAN COSEY, 5-9, 170, RB/DB, MARION (HARDING)

...is a gifted athlete projected to play cornerback for the Zips. At 5-9, 170 pounds, Cosey gained first-team All-Central District notice and first-team All-Ohio Heartland Conference recognition as a tailback and defensive back. The Marion Harding star carried 159 times for 873 yards and seven TDs (5.5 yards per carry) and registered 51 tackles, three INTs, three fumble recoveries, four pass break-ups and four tackles for loss. He also was tabbed first-team All-Marion County and special mention All-Ohio Division I.

ADE EDWARDS, 6-4, 270, OL, SPRINGFIELD (SHAWNEE)

...1996 Division III first-team All-Ohio (along with Scott Smith), Ade Edwards was cited as one of the top prep linemen in the Buckeye state. A two-way star at Springfield Shawnee HS, Edwards was required to sit out the '97 season to gain academic eligibility.

NICK FORTENER, 6-2, 215, FB/LB, KETTERING (FAIRMONT)

...earned first-team All-Western Ohio League and special mention All-Southwest District as a fullback at Kettering Fairmont High School. He rushed for 1,056 yards (6.9 per try) and 15 TDs and threw for 380 yards and three scores. Fortener also averaged 24.2 yards on 17 kickoff returns. He also returned an INT for a touchdown and threw for school record 246 yards against Centerville as a junior.

RYAN GARGASZ, 6-6, 255, DL, VOLANT, PA. (WILMINGTON)

...was a second-team All-Pennsylvania defensive end and state shot put champion as a junior. Gargasz starred as a two-way tackle for Wilmington High School's 13-1 squad. Tabbed Lawrence County

Lineman of the Year, he lists at 6-6, 255 pounds and has been clocked at 4.9 in the 40. Gargasz played defensive end, tight end, tackle and guard for Hounds' coach Terry Verrelli.

CEDRIC GOLPHIN, 6-1, 200, FB/LB, CLEVELAND (LAKEWOOD ST. EDWARD)

...is a multi-talented athlete who played tailback and outside linebacker for the St. Edward Eagles. A two-year starter, Golphin was chosen all-district and All-Cuyahoga County by the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. He stepped in as the starting tailback for the final six games of the season and rushed for 472 yards and eight TDs on 87 carries. He also caught seven passes for 127 yards and one score and racked up 45 tackles (19 solo), five TFLs and one INT. St. Ed's Iron Man Award winner, Golphin also is a member of the school's Council on Human Relations. HS teammate Aaron Buck also signed.

JIMMIE GRAY, 5-7, 160, WR, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

...should bolster the Zips' wide receiver corps. Team MVP, a first-team All-Lake Erie League pick, and an honorable-mention All-Cuyahoga County pick by the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, Gray anchored the Cleveland Heights 4x100 relay team at the OHSAA state track & field meet. He also is an academic award recipient.

NICK HALL, 6-1, 210, TE, MIAMISBURG

...was named first-team All-Mid-Miami League and honorable mention All-SW Ohio and all-area as a senior. He had 21 catches for 381 yards and two TDs last fall. Birthdate: Dec. 17, 1978.

MICHAEL HANNON, 6-3, 235, DL/LB, DETROIT, MICH. (MACKENZIE)

...is a prize defensive line recruit out of Detroit's MacKenzie High School. Hannon piled up 12 quarterback sacks from his defensive end post and caught 15 passes as a tight end. He also returned two fumbles for scores. A two-year captain, he was tabbed all-city his junior and senior seasons.

CHRIS HAUSER, 5-10, 178, DB, COLUMBUS (HARTLEY)

...was a four-year starter and a first-team all-district linebacker at Columbus Hartley. Chris Hauser also was a member of Hartley's state championship baseball team.

JOSH HILL, 6-3, 210, LB, MASSILLON (WASHINGTON)

...was a first-team Northeastern Ohio Inland district choice and All-Stark County performer at outside linebacker for Massillon Washington coach Jack Rose. Listed at 6-3, 210 pounds, Hill registered 70 tackles, including 26 quarterback pressures and 14 sacks as a senior. He has been nominated for the Ohio North/South All-Star Game and was a special mention All-Ohio Division I pick. HS teammates Chris Smith and Christian Morgan also signed.

LOUIS MACKEY, 6-2, 215, LB, RICHMOND, CALIF. (GAVILAN J.C.)

...starred at linebacker for Gavilan College in Gilroy, Calif. He was sought after by Southwest Missouri State, James Madison and Portland State. Mackey was president of the Black Student Union at Gavilan.



BOBBY MANUEL, 6-3, 275, DL, SANDUSKY

...was a two-way tackle at Sandusky High School and earned first-team All-Ohio Division I in '97. Projected as a defensive lineman with Zips, Manuel also garnered top honors in the Northwest district and the Great Lakes League. High school teammate of Orlando Williamson.

RAYMOND "JUNIOR" McCRAY, 5-6, 155, WR, AKRON (BUCHTEL)

...follows his brothers, Andre and Tony, to The University of Akron. A fullback-defensive back for coach Claude Brown at Akron Buchtel HS, McCray was selected first-team Northeastern Ohio Inland district as a senior and twice named first-team all-area by the *Akron Beacon Journal*. He carried the ball 99 times for 926 yards and eight TDs and had two punt returns for touchdowns. McCray also logged four INTs and nine tackles for loss (three sacks) and collected All-Ohio Division II special mention. At 5-6, 155 pounds, he has a nearly 300-pound bench and a 4.58 clocking in the 40-yard dash. McCray is projected as a wide receiver, punt and kick returner for the Zips. Nicknamed "Junior."

CHRISTIAN MORGAN, 6-4, 220, RB, MASSILLON (WASHINGTON)

...was a first-team Northeastern Ohio Inland district and All-Ohio Division I special mention tailback for coach Jack Rose at Massillon Washington HS. Listed at 6-4, 220 pounds and clocked at 4.5 in the 40, Morgan rushed for more than 2,300 yards on 360 carries his junior and senior seasons. A nominee for the Ohio North/South All-Star Game and the Big 33 Game, he was actively recruited by Ohio State. HS teammates Josh Hill and Chris Smith also signed.

BRANDON PAYNE, 5-10, 185, RB/DB, RANKIN, PA. (WOODLAND HILLS)

...hails from the same high school program which produced former Zip star Jason Taylor. A running back-defensive back, Payne was tabbed on the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Fabulous 22 and the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* Terrific 25. He carried the ball 182 times for 1,460 yards and 26 scores while competing in the WPIAL Quad North Conference. A team captain, Payne also averaged 39 yards per punt, returned kickoffs and saw action at strong safety and cornerback.

VERNON "JAKE" SCHIFINO, 6-2, 180, WR/DB, PITTSBURGH, PA. (PENN HILLS)

...is an outstanding two-way athlete who plans on playing football and basketball for the Zips. A *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Fabulous 22 pick, Schifino was a wide receiver/defensive back for Penn Hills High School, before being called upon to run the ball. He rushed for 970 yards rushing and eight touchdowns in seven games. Blessed with a 38-inch vertical jump, Schifino averaged 18 points and 8 rebounds per game for the Penn Hills basketball team.

RYAN SCHULZ, 6-4, 230, DL, UNIONTOWN (LAKE)

...a standout two-way lineman for coach Jeff Durbin and the Lake Blue Streaks, earned *Akron Beacon Journal* first-team all-area. He also was picked on the first unit for the Federal League and

Northeastern Ohio Inland district Division II. Schulz helped lead Lake to the Division II OHSAA championship game. As a senior, he registered 51 tackles, including 11.5 tackles for loss, and gained special mention All-Ohio.

WILL SCOTT, 6-6, 265, DL, HAYWARD, CALIF. (CHABOT J.C.)

...was a stellar defensive lineman at Chabot College in Hayward, Calif. He also was recruited by Baylor, Iowa State, Pittsburgh and Rutgers and played in the Junior College All-American Bowl.

CHRIS SMITH, 6-3, 270, DL, MASSILLON (WASHINGTON)

...was a standout two-way lineman for coach Jack Rose at Massillon Washington High School. Projected as a defensive lineman for the Zips, Smith was a state powerlifting champion in 1996 and highly regarded for his combination of strength and agility. Just 17 years old, he missed four games last fall with a high ankle sprain. HS teammates Josh Hill and Christian Morgan also signed.

HUGH THOMAS, 5-10, 237, FB, CLINTON (MANCHESTER)

...was the PAC-7 Player of the Year in 1995 and an All-Ohio pick while starring for Manchester. Transferred to Akron from Ohio Wesleyan and has three years of eligibility remaining.

Ty WASHINGTON, 5-9, 170, RB, SOUTHFIELD, MICH. (ORCHARD LAKE ST. MARY'S)

...is an honorable mention all-state selection out of Orchard Lake St. Mary's in metropolitan Detroit. A running back, cornerback and kick returner, Washington is projected as a running back and return man for the Zips. He carried the ball 109 times for 780 yards and 13 TDs last fall and was named All-Catholic League East and on the *Detroit Free Press* Michigan Blue Chip Top 60 list.

ORLANDO WILLIAMSON, 6-3, 175, WR, SANDUSKY

...is a tremendous all-around athlete, starring in three sports at Sandusky High School. The football team's Most Improved Offensive Player, a three-year starter on the basketball team and a 6-5 high jumper, Williamson brings a 6-3, 175-pound frame and a world of potential to Akron. The lanky WR caught 28 passes last fall for 518 yards and three TDs. High school teammate Bobby Manuel also signed with Akron. WR Gregg Peugeot of Sandusky is a two-year letterman already with the Zips.

MATT ZUERCHER, 6-1, 215, FB, ORRVILLE (WAYNEDALE)

...was the Northeastern Ohio Inland district Defensive Player of the Year for Division V and a first-team All-Ohio selection last fall. A combination running back/linebacker, Zuercher rushed for 1,255 yards and 23 TDs on 171 carries (7.3 per carry) and collected 136 tackles, including eight tackles for loss, during the '97 season for coach Bill Seder at Waynedale HS. The Wayne County League MVP lists at 6-1, 215 pounds and accumulated career numbers of 2,630 rushing yards, 44 TDs, 559 tackles, 32 tackles for loss, nine fumble recoveries and three INTs. A brilliant student, he is ranked third in his class of 112 and carries a 4.05 GPA.

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**New to the
Zip staff is
Bob Morris,
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coached in
the Big Ten
for 13 years.**



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HEAD COACH LEE OWENS

Lee Owens had a vision of what his 1997 Akron football team would be like — a ball-control, run-oriented offense, combined with an aggressive, blue-collar defense.

Half of that equation held up in '97. The other half will be significantly better this fall. The Zips did establish an identity on offense, featuring the 11th best ground attack (221.0 yards per game) in the nation. However, the losses of Jason Taylor, John Harpring, Jon Eaton and Nate Johnson from 1996's acclaimed defensive unit, left UA vulnerable against an unusually potent Mid-American Conference, not to mention games at Nebraska and LSU.

Seven of Akron's 11 opponents were among the nation's top 30 in total offense. Six MAC schools averaged 400-plus yards of offense per game. It was the year of the "pass," with seven league quarterbacks averaging better than 200 yards per contest through the air.

"The (defensive) statistics that we had a year ago, I've not put as much stock into those as what we were able to do two years ago," says Owens. "We went up against a lot of really good passing teams with veteran quarterbacks that put big numbers up against every team they played."

Appointed Dec. 11, 1994, Owens inherited a struggling program which had fallen to 1-10. A very successful Ohio high school coach, Owens was fresh off three seasons as an assistant to John Cooper at Ohio State. He put together a talented, youthful staff, and together they've retooled Zip football, emphasizing academics, retention, player development and commitment.

On Feb. 26, 1997, the University Board of Trustees approved a three-year contract extension for Owens into the year 2002.

"We wanted to show Lee (with a contract extension) that the University recognizes the positive strides made in rebuilding the football program," said former UA Director of Athletics Mike Bobinski.

The Zips registered their highest team grade-point average in more than 10 years with a 2.47 aggregate posting in 1997-98. Four UA players were named Academic All-MAC. Fifty-nine of the 66 members of his first three recruiting classes still are on campus. This year's recruiting class has a composite high school GPA above 3.00.

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"Our ultimate goal is to win the Mid-American Conference championship," says Owens, prepared to start his fourth season, "but there are foundation steps before we can reach that ultimate goal. Everyday we work to develop great team attitude and chemistry. Everyday we learn team trust and seek a relentless team work ethic. Everyday we talk about the importance of becoming a physical football team on both offense and defense."

"Once we have established these principles, our next step is to set the goals of winning our home games, having a winning season, winning our division, and the ultimate goal of winning a MAC Championship and the Motor City Bowl."



OWENS' FILE

Birthdate: July 17, 1956 in Mansfield, Ohio

High School: Mansfield Madison, 1974

College Degrees:

B.A., Bluffton College, 1977

M.E., Ashland University, 1981

Coaching Experience:

Waynesfield Goshen High School (Waynesfield, Ohio):
assistant, 1977-78

Crestview High School (Ashland, Ohio):
assistant, 1979-80

Crestview High School (Ashland, Ohio):
head coach, 1981-82

Galion High School (Galion, Ohio):
head coach/AD, 1983-1986

Lancaster High School (Lancaster, Ohio): head coach, 1987
Washington High School (Massillon, Ohio):

head coach/AD, 1988-1991

The Ohio State University: assistant, 1992-94

The University of Akron: head coach, 1995-present

High School Coaching Accomplishments:

Associated Press Ohio AAA Coach of the Year (1985)

1 State Championship (Galion, 1985, 14-0)

3 Regional Championships

5 State Playoff Berths; Playoff Record of 9-4

11-year Record of 89-32-2

College Coaching Accomplishments:

Coached tight ends & tackles at Ohio State

Coached Buckeyes Orlando Pace, Korey Stringer

OSU's three-year record: 27-8-2, three bowl appearances

Appointed Akron Zip head coach on Dec. 11, 1994

Family:

Wife: former Dianne Frost of Mansfield, Ohio

Children: Ben (16), Andy (14), LeAnne (11) & Molly (7)



*Lee
Owens*

Head Coach

*Bluffton
1977*

Owens will be the first to admit that his second-year program had reached a cross road after a disappointing loss at Central Michigan in 1996 left Akron 1-6. What followed was one of the great turn-arounds in UA grid history. Akron won three of its final four games, including upsets of Miami and Bowling Green, and finished 4-7, tied for sixth place in the MAC (3-5). The Zips ranked third in the conference in team defense and fifth in rushing offense.

"We were going to either fold up or get it turned around," Owens started, "and I knew we had too much character on that ball club to pack it in. It's fun to coach when guys play with the attitude our team had the last month of that season."

The Zips are 8-25 in Owens' three seasons, including 2-9 last fall against the toughest schedule in school history.

Owens had built a reputation as one of the state's bright, young high school football coaches (89-32-2 in 11 seasons), when Cooper offered him a position on his staff as offensive tackles and tight ends coach in the spring of 1992.

In three seasons in Columbus, Owens helped the Buckeyes forge a 27-8-2 record and win a Big Ten co-championship in 1993. Ohio State played in three postseason bowl games. He also coached OSU three-time All-America tackle Korey Stringer and played a key role in the recruitment of future two-time Lombardi Trophy winner and No. 1 pick in the '97 NFL Draft — offensive tackle Orlando Pace from Sandusky, Ohio.

Four seasons as athletic director and head football coach at tradition-rich Massillon Washington High School had prepared Owens for his jump to the college ranks. "Massillon is probably as close to the collegiate level in high school as you can get," says Owens.

When he was hired in May of 1988, Massillon's reputation had been tarnished by recruiting violations and four straight losses to nemesis Canton McKinley. Owens led the Tigers to a 35-13 mark over four seasons, including three straight state playoff berths from 1989-91. His '89 and '91 teams reached the Division I state semifinals. Massillon also took three of four games from McKinley, including a 42-14 rout in '91, which marked the Tigers' biggest win in



Head coach Lee Owens and sophomore quarterback James Washington

the series in 31 years.

He also initiated a community wide effort to privately fund more than \$800,000 for improvements to the athletic complex at Paul Brown Tiger Stadium — site of all six OHSAA division championship football games since 1993.

In between Massillon and Galion, Owens spent one season at Division I Lancaster High School (1987) and guided the Golden Gales to a 7-3 mark and a Top 10 state ranking.

From 1983-86, Owens compiled a 33-11-1 record at Division II Galion High School in north central Ohio. His '85 Galion team won the OHSAA state championship (14-0), defeating Youngstown Cardinal Mooney, 6-0, in the title game at Ohio Stadium. Owens was named *Associated Press* Ohio AAA Coach of the Year and was presented with the key to the city of Galion. Two members of his staff from that season remain with Owens today, assistant coaches Greg Gillum and

By, assistant coaches Greg Gillum and Tom Stacy. Together, they had the Tigers back in the state playoffs again in 1986. In June of 1983, he had become the youngest head coach ever at Galion.

Owens had coached for four years (1979-82) at Ashland Crestview High School before accepting the challenge at Galion. He served for two years (1979-80) as defensive coordinator under Bill Seder, and in 1981, at age 24, was appointed head coach at the Division V school.

"Probably the person who had the biggest influence on me in football was Bill Seder," says Owens.

The young coach guided the Cougars to a perfect 10-0 season in his first year and a final ranking of No. 3 in Ohio, but a baffling point system kept them out of the state playoffs. In two seasons, Owens logged a 14-5-1 mark at Crestview and earned his master's degree from Ashland University in 1981.

Owens graduated in three years with honors from Bluffton College in

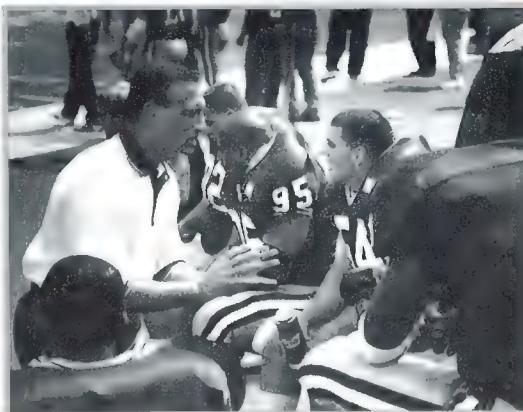


**The Owens Family (back row, left to right): Lee, LeAnne, Dianne;
(in front) Andy, Molly and Ben.**

A A A A A COACHES A A A A A



Dan Bailey (right), Tom Stacy (below), Joe Palmisano (below left), Bobby Johnson (below right)



John Peterson (right),
Greg Gillum (bottom
right), Paul Winters
(bottom left), Doug
Geiser and Jeremy
Schwedenman (directly
below), Mike Williams
(diagonal).



1977. He was all set to attend Ohio Northern Law School (much like Penn State's Joe Paterno who bypassed law school to begin coaching) when he accepted a teaching and coaching position at Waynesfield Goshen High School.

"I was only going to teach and coach for a year, and put that money aside to help pay for law school," says Owens. "I told myself this was *not* going to be a career."

He was defensive coordinator at Waynesfield for two seasons before moving on to Ashland.

Owens is a 1974 graduate of Mansfield Madison High School and was captain of the football team his senior year.

"Football is important in Northeast Ohio and the quality of football here is second to none," Owens says. "There are champions at every level from the high school programs right through to the Pro Football Hall of Fame."

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He has made it clear that it is a priority of The University of Akron football program to recruit Northeast Ohio athletes.

Owens is active in Akron civic events and works closely with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He also served on the staff for an NCAA YES football clinic, Dec. 28, 1996, at Tulane University.

Owens, his wife, Dianne, and their four children, Ben (16), Andy (14), LeAnne (11) and Molly (7), reside in Green.

ASSISTANT COACHES



Greg Gillum

Wide Receivers

Ohio State
1983

The Zips' recruiting coordinator and wide receivers coach, former Lyndhurst Brush HS football coach Greg Gillum is preparing for his fourth season at UA. His association with Lee Owens dates back to the mid-1980s and Galion High School's OHSAA Division II state championship.

Gillum, 37, was named recruiting coordinator on March 3, 1997, after two part-time seasons with the Zips. During that time, he continued to teach at Brush and commute to Akron.

It would be fair to say, Gillum's receiving corps overachieved last fall, with senior Carl Whitt leading the cast of returners. Sophomore Lavel Bailey has evolved as the team's deep threat. Junior Gregg Peugeot is a special teams veteran and should see more action.

A 12-year high school coaching veteran, Gillum joined forces with Owens at UA on June 8, 1995. He coached tight ends during the '95 and '96 campaigns, after three seasons as head man at Brush (1992-94). He mentored Cornell grad Doug Geiser, who served as an assistant at Brush and is currently on the Zips' staff.

From 1983-91, Gillum was an assistant to Owens at Galion, Lancaster and Massillon Washington High Schools. At Massillon, he worked as the Tigers' defensive coordinator in 1990 and was elevated to assistant head coach in 1991.

A native of Plymouth, Ohio, Gillum received his bachelor's degree in business education from Ohio State in 1983, and master's degree in educational administration from the University of Dayton in 1990. He also was head baseball coach at Galion.

Gillum and his wife, Jody, have two sons, Tyler (5) and Tanner (3), and a daughter, Myriah (1 1/2). They reside in Tallmadge.



The Gillum Family (L to R)—Tyler, Greg, Tanner, (back) Myriah and Jody.



Bobby Johnson

Defensive Line

Miami (O.)
1995

Former Miami University offensive tackle Bobby Johnson returns for his second season as the Zips' defensive line coach. An Akron Hoban HS graduate, Johnson served UA as a graduate assistant coach during the 1995 and '96 seasons, assisting then defensive line coach Jim Meyer. On March 3, 1997, Johnson was promoted to a full-time position, replacing Meyer, who had accepted the head football post at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in Akron.

This fall, the Zips' youngest coach will be counting on seniors Jamey Bennett and Jeremy Maxa to help implement a new scheme and anchor a young defensive front.

A three-year letterman with the Redskins, Johnson played for Randy Walker and saw action against Cincinnati, Indiana, Michigan State, West Virginia, and the usual list of Mid-American Conference foes during his grid career. Miami was 6-4-1 during Johnson's sophomore and senior seasons.

Johnson, 25, graduated from Miami in 1995.

He was a grid star at Hoban and Ohio's UPI Division III Lineman of the Year in 1991. Coached by Mike Schmitz, he also earned first-team All-Ohio, first-team all-district, All-Summit County, all-city and all-scholastic notice. Johnson also lettered as a member of the track team.

Johnson and his wife, Kristen, reside in Akron.



Bobby and Kristen Johnson



Bob Morris

Pass Defense Coord.

*Colorado
1977*

The newest member of the Zip coaching staff is no stranger to NCAA Division I-A football. Pass defense coordinator Bob Morris arrives in Akron following 13 years of coaching experience in the Big Ten Conference. Appointed on March 5, 1998, Morris will team with defensive coordinator Joe Palmisano to revive an Akron defensive unit which had ranked 26th nationally in 1996.

A native of Boulder, Colo., Morris served as defensive coordinator at Purdue for three seasons under Jim Colletto and as secondary coach and special teams coach at Indiana for 10 years under Bill Mallory.

During his time in Bloomington, Indiana played in six bowl games (1986 All-American, 1987 Peach, 1988 Liberty, 1990 Peach, 1991 Copper, and 1993 Independence). Morris coached an All-American (Mike Dumas), one two-time All-Big Ten player and two all-league punters. He also recruited two All-Americans (Vaughn Dunbar and Ernie Jones). Indiana's pass defense ranked third in the Big Ten and 19th in the NCAA in 1993.

Morris lettered two years at Colorado and was a member of the 1976 squad that won the Big Eight title and went to the Orange Bowl. He was selected his team's Outstanding Scholar-Athlete as a senior.

Morris served as assistant football and baseball coach at Boulder, Colo., High School in 1977, then served as a graduate assistant coach at Colorado in 1978 and '79. He joined Mallory for a successful four-year run at Northern Illinois (1980-83).

A native of Boulder, he was an all-state defensive back/quarterback and baseball player at Fairview High School. He earned his B.S. degree in secondary education in 1977, and a master's degree in sports psychology in 1983, both from CU. Morris has been a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes since 1972. He and wife, Jennifer, also a Colorado graduate, have two sons, Jerod (16) and Joshua (7).



The Morris Family (L to R): Joshua and Jerod (in front), Bob and Jennifer (back).



Joe Palmisano

Assoc. Head Coach

*Iowa State
1976*

Promoted to defensive coordinator, associate head coach Joe Palmisano will work in concert with pass defense coordinator Bob Morris to return the Zips' defensive unit to prominence. Akron ranked third in the Mid-American Conference and tied for 26th nationally in total defense (317.4 yards allowed/game) in 1996.

Palmisano was hired by Lee Owens on Jan. 11, 1995 and served as recruiting coordinator and receivers coach for two seasons. Now preparing for his fourth on the Zip staff, Palmisano was elevated to associate head coach and became secondary coach on March 3, 1997. He received his most recent appointment on March 5, 1998. The former Malone College head football coach also oversees recruiting policy, camp and clinic programs, community and public relations efforts, and serves as liaison to the UA Athletic Development Office.

Palmisano's understanding of the peripheral aspects of coaching was gained by building Malone's program (1993-94) from scratch, and playing a key role in starting programs at Greenville College (March, 1987-March, 1989) in Illinois and Wingate College (Nov., 1985-March, 1987) in North Carolina.

He directed the Malone Pioneers to a record of 7-3 in just their second season of competition in the Mid-States Football Association. The second place finish earned Palmisano MSFA Coach of the Year honors. In 1993, Malone's freshman-laden squad inaugurated football at the school with a 2-6-1 record.

The first two teams at Greenville were a combined 16-2 with Palmisano serving as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator. He has also coached at Cumberland College (1990-91) and Carson Newman College (1985). Palmisano served as a graduate assistant at the Texas-El Paso (1983-84).

A 1976 graduate of Iowa State, he played football under coaching greats Earle Bruce and Johnny Majors. He was a three-year letter winner for the Cyclones.

Palmisano played his high school football at Akron Hoban.

He and his wife, Kirby, are the parents of a son, Zachary (15), and reside in North Canton.



The Palmisano Family (L to R): Kirby, Joe, and Zachary.



John Peterson

Offensive Line

*Ohio State
1991*

One of the first phone calls Lee Owens made upon being named head coach at The University of Akron was to John Peterson. A graduate assistant coach at Ohio State with Owens in 1993 and '94, Peterson signed on with the Zips Dec. 19, 1994.

A four-year Buckeye letterman (1987-90), Peterson, 30, has overseen the development of an Akron offensive line which ranked 11th in the nation in rushing offense in 1997 (221.0 yards per game) and yielded just 10 quarterback sacks in 11 games. His guard tandem of Kevin Kuntz and Dan Wessman is one of the finest in the MAC.

Following his playing career, Peterson was the assistant strength coach at the University of Cincinnati and a graduate assistant football coach for the Bearcats. While assisting the UC staff, he worked with interior defensive linemen.

As a player at OSU, Peterson started all 11 games at strong guard his senior season and saw action in the Cotton, Hall of Fame and Liberty Bowls. As a graduate assistant coach for the Buckeyes, he aided the Ohio State staff at the Citrus and Holiday Bowls.

A native of Middletown, Ohio, Peterson was a consensus All-American at Middletown High School. In his senior season, he was named first-team All-Ohio and the Class AAA Lineman of the Year. He also broke a 28-year shot put record at Middletown that had been held by Buckeye cage legend Jerry Lucas.

Peterson received his bachelor's degree in education from The Ohio State University in 1991. His wife, Michelle, is an elementary school teacher in the Green School District. They reside in Akron with their two sons — Austin (3) and Cole Edward (born July 24, 1998).



The Peterson Family
(L to R): Michelle, John and Austin.



Tom Stacy

Quarterbacks

*Bowling Green
1981*

Tom Stacy's association with Lee Owens dates back to the mid-1980s and Galion High School. The 1981 Bowling Green State graduate is preparing for his fourth season as the Zips' quarterbacks coach. Stacy was head coach at Shelby High School for four seasons (1991-94) prior to his UA appointment on Jan. 11, 1995.

Owens' offensive coordinator at Galion (1983-86), Lancaster (1987) and Massillon Washington (1988-90) High Schools, he has been entrusted with the development of Zip signal-callers Greg Gromek, James Washington and Ryan Uhlenhake. Washington was thrust into the starting role last fall as a redshirt freshman, after Gromek suffered a season-ending knee injury Oct. 11 at Marshall. A redshirt last season, Uhlenhake is a prize recruit, who led St. Henry to the OHSAA Division VI title game three consecutive years.

Stacy, 39, guided the Shelby Whippets to league championship games in '93 and '94 and collaborated with Owens and Greg Gillum on Galion's Division II (14-0) OHSAA state title in 1985.

In his 14 years on the high school level, Stacy-coached teams achieved 11 winning seasons. He began his coaching career with two seasons at Paulding High School, beginning in 1981.

A four-year varsity baseball player at Bowling Green, Stacy was a quarterback and defensive back at Tiffin Columbian High School, graduating in 1977.

A member of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), Stacy and his wife, Shannon, have four children, Sarah (16), Brian (13), Kevin (12) and Kristen (9) and reside in Canal Fulton.



The Stacy Family *(L to R): Kevin, Shannon, Sarah, and Brian. (in front) Tom and Kristen.*



Mike Williams

Linebackers

*Iowa State
1977*

Personable linebackers coach Mike Williams is gearing up for his fourth season as a member of the Zip coaching staff. Previously an assistant coach at Indiana State for two years, Williams started at UA on Feb. 27, 1995.

A 19-year college coaching veteran, Williams also coordinates Zip special teams. His prize pupil the last two seasons was middle linebacker Nate Boyd, who earned honorable mention All-MAC notice last fall. Boyd racked up 245 tackles during the '96 and '97 campaigns and was the MAC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year in 1997 by *The Sporting News*. This season, Williams will be working to integrate junior college linebackers James Cochran and Louis Mackey into the Zips' system.

Williams tutored running backs at Indiana State in 1993 and linebackers in '94. Before arriving in Terre Haute, he previously coached at Valparaiso (1989-92) as the Crusaders' defensive coordinator. He served two stints at Western Illinois (1983-88 and 1979-80) first as coach of the Leathernecks' running backs and then as WIU's linebackers coach. Williams also spent two seasons at Eastern Illinois (1981-82), where he coached the Panthers' running backs.

Williams, 45, graduated from Bowie Senior High School in Maryland before matriculating to Iowa State. He received his bachelor's degree in economics in 1977 from Iowa State and was a two-year starter for the Big Eight-member Cyclones at fullback and tailback. Williams was a college teammate of Zip coach Joe Palmisano.

Williams is the father of two sons, Shane (28) and Travis (26), and a daughter, Amber (17). He lives in Akron.



Coach Williams and his daughter, Amber.



Paul Winters

Offensive Coordinator

*Akron
1980*

Assistant head coach and offensive coordinator Paul Winters is set to begin his fourth season on Lee Owens' UA coaching staff. The fifth all-time leading rusher in Zip history, Winters is in his second stint as a grid coach at his alma mater.

That UA had the 11th best rushing attack in the nation among NCAA Division I-A schools (221.0 yards per game) last fall is a credit to head coach Lee Owens, offensive line coach John Peterson, and Paul Winters.

Appointed on Dec. 19, 1994, he arrived back in Akron after three years as compliance coordinator at the University of Wisconsin. Winters was an assistant football coach with the Badgers for 1990 (running backs) and '91 (tight ends). He also tutored UW kickers, punters and returners. Winters coached for four years at the University of Toledo (1986-89) and two seasons at UA (1984-85).

His duties at Toledo included being the kicking game coordinator as well as the Rockets' recruiting coordinator. In his previous stint on the Akron coaching staff, Winters served on Jim Dennison's staff as offensive backfield coach for two seasons after being a graduate assistant for the '82 and '83 campaigns.

Winters, 39, was inducted into the UA Athletic Hall of Fame on Feb. 2, 1990. He earned a bachelor of science degree in Industrial Management in '80 and a M.S. degree in Education in 1984.

Winters rushed for 2,613 yards during his Zip career and was named 1980 UA Athlete of the Year. He was a three-time letterman and a three-time recipient of the Harry "Doc" Smith Award as the outstanding player in his class. In 1979, Winters was selected as the Zips' most valuable offensive player. He was a prep star at Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary's HS.

Coach Winters, his wife, Nancy, and their four children, Christian (10), Monica (7), Melanie (4) and Natalie (2), reside in Stow.



The Winters Family (L to R): Front- Christian, Monica, and Melanie. Back- Nancy, Paul and Natalie.



DAN BAILEY

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH

Dan Bailey is responsible for the strength and conditioning program for all 17 of UA's intercollegiate teams and manages the 6,000-square-foot Clifford Skeen Training Facility. He was the assistant and later associate strength coach at the University of Tennessee during seven years in Knoxville. He was appointed at The University of Akron in August, 1995.

At UT, Bailey helped train eight first-round NFL draft picks and played a role in the Volunteers winning two Southeastern Conference titles and gaining berths in six consecutive bowl games. He also worked with UT men's basketball and spring sport athletes.

Bailey, 33, is a Gibbon, Neb., native and graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in exercise science in 1988. He was an offensive guard with Tom Osborne's Cornhuskers from 1983-86.

He is formerly the Tennessee State Director for the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) and is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist by the NSCA.

The Bailey Family
(L to R): Kyle, Shannon, Kelli and Dan.

Bailey and his wife, Shannon, reside in Green with their son Kyle (6) and daughter Kelli (3).



JOE NEMITH

GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH

Akron Garfield product Joe Nemith was recruited to play on Malone College's first football team by Joe Palmisano.

That was in 1993. Five years later, he rejoins Palmisano as a graduate assistant coach at UA and will assist with coaching the defensive linemen.

Nemith lettered four years for the Pioneers and played a key role in Malone improving from 2-6-1 its first season to No. 5 in the nation at 10-1-1 two years later. An all-conference defensive back, Nemith graduated in 1997 with his B.A. degree in communications and a minor in English.

He worked as a volunteer coach at Kenmore HS last fall.



JEREMY SCHWENDEMAN

STUDENT ASSISTANT COACH

Marietta, Ohio, native Jeremy Schwendeman is in his second season as a student assistant coach. He joined the Zip program during spring semester, 1997, and will again assist offensive line coach John Peterson.

He also assists with a number of administrative duties in the UA football office, including recruiting.

Schwendeman is a junior special education major at UA. As a prep athlete, he lettered in baseball and cross country, graduating from Marietta HS in 1995.



DOUG GEISER

VIDEO COORDINATOR/TIGHT ENDS

Doug Geiser, a 1992 Cornell graduate and former Ivy League gridiron, begins his fourth season with the Zips and his second season as tight ends coach and video coordinator. Geiser served as a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach in 1995 and '96 under Dan Bailey. He has high hopes in 1998 for his tight-end crew of Chuck Webb, Tim Ritley, Jeremy Connor and Joe Beyke.

Geiser is on schedule to receive his master's degree in education from John Carroll this fall.

For three seasons (1992-94), Geiser assisted head coach Greg Gillum at Brush HS, serving as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. He also has coached at Liberty-Benton HS (1991) and at his alma mater, Triway HS (1990) in Wooster.

Geiser was a Dean's List student and played center on the football team at Cornell. He helped the Big Red of former All-Pro Maxie Baughan win an Ivy League title in 1988 and later earned his bachelor's degree in government. While in Ithaca, N.Y., he also ran his own security business.

Geiser was Valedictorian and Outstanding Offensive Lineman as a senior at Triway, graduating in 1988. He was an all-league and all-county football player and lettered in wrestling and baseball as well.

DID YOU KNOW?

John W. Heisman, namesake of college football's most prestigious award — The Heisman Trophy — was appointed the first paid coach and athletic director at Buchtel College (The University of Akron) in 1893. That season, Buchtel had a 5-2 record and defeated Hiram; the Massillon A.C.; Western Reserve Academy; Ohio Wesleyan; and Mt. Union. Buchtel lost to Case School of Applied Science; and Ohio State. In 1894, Heisman's BC team upset Ohio State, 12-6.

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ZIPS REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY



Never too busy for children in need, the UA Zips are frequent visitors at Akron Children's Hospital.

From weekly visits to the Akron Children's Hospital, to speaking at local grade school and youth gatherings, The University of Akron Zips realize a responsibility to give back to their local community.

Each week during the season, head coach Lee Owens, several Zip football players and Zippy the mascot visit children receiving care at Akron Children's Hospital. UA student-athletes also speak to impressionable youngsters at local grade schools, participate in youth outreach programs such as Urban Vision, collect food for holiday projects and raise money for Big Brother-Big Sister through a bowl-a-thon on the UA campus.

Community involvement is the third part of the Zips' equation for success, which includes athletic and academic achievement.

ROAD HEADQUARTERS

Temple, Sept. 11-12

Philadelphia Airport Marriott
4509 Island Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19153
215/937-4050

Pittsburgh, Oct. 2-3

The Western William Penn
530 William Penn Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412/281-7100

Ohio, Oct. 16-17

Best Western Lancaster
1858 N. Memorial Drive
Lancaster, OH 43130
614/653-3040

Central Michigan, Oct. 30-31

Doherty Hotel
604 McEwan Street
Clare, MI 48617
517/386-3441

Bowling Green, Nov. 6-7

Holiday Inn French Quarter
10630 Fremont Pike, Route 20
Perrysburg, OH 43552
419/874-3111



1999 NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Sept. 4 at Penn State
Sept. 11 TEMPLE
Oct. 23 at Navy

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| Sept. 23, 2000 | at Kansas State |
| Sept. 8, 2001 | at Ohio State |
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| Sept. 7, 2002 | at Maryland |
| Sept. 6, 2003 | at Wisconsin |

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ACME-ZIP GAME

It has become a tradition and the envy of many football programs around the country. What has? Acme-Zip, of course! What is Acme-Zip? Only one of the most successful promotions of College Football in this country.

Knowing that the public will never tire of good football, marching bands, and fireworks, four imaginative and farsighted Akronites gave birth to the Acme-Zip Game in 1954. The phenomenal growth of Acme-Zip since then must be regarded as one of the biggest success stories in intercollegiate sports. It has become one of the Akron area's greatest family entertainment bargains and a much-awaited yearly event.

Akron's annual Acme-Zip Game will be celebrating its 45th exciting, profitable, and unique year come September 5. That night, Akron will face defending MAC champion Marshall in UA's Rubber Bowl.

Acme-Zip was born with a promotional idea that athletic director Kenneth "Red" Cochrane brought back with him from Philadelphia in 1953. Ambrose "Red" Dudley, athletic director at Villanova, had successfully promoted its opening game by selling tickets through a local food chain — 97,802 fans turned out.

With this idea in mind, Cochrane called a meeting of Fred C. Pockrandt, President of Acme Stores, Inc., a local food chain, Ben Maidenber, executive of the *Akron Beacon Journal*, and University of Akron President Norman P. Auburn to evaluate this plan.

Out of this meeting, Acme Stores became the organization with the drive, foresight, and means of making the unique ticket proposal work. The company's supermarkets and later its discount stores throughout the Akron area were to serve as the major distributing points for ticket sales. These men figured that a decent crowd would turn out at the Zips' opening home game if there was good entertainment, the price was right, and the whole idea was promoted with enthusiasm.

Don Plath, a sportswriter for the *Akron Beacon Journal*, in reporting the outcome of the meeting, referred to the promoted game as Acme-Zip. It has been called the Acme-Zip Game ever since.

Whereas the Villanova game promotion, which has long gone by the wayside, was too commercialized — tickets were priced based on the amount of groceries you bought: for instance, \$50 got you seats on the 50-yard line, \$40 on the 40, etc. The Acme-Zip Game, however, featured a buy-one-ticket-for-a-dollar-get-one-ticket-free gimmick.

The plan was a timely one, for it was in 1953 that NCAA statistics showed football attendance for colleges across the nation had reached its lowest point, almost three million fewer paid fans than in 1948.

UA was suffering from poor spectator support with a meager high home-game attendance in 1953 of 8,369 — for Homecoming.



The 1993 Acme-Zip Game attracted 24,205 and the Zips whipped Kent, 42-7.

Average attendance was 4,000, next to nothing amid the Rubber Bowl's listed capacity of 35,482 available seats.

For the first game of the 1954 season (Akron vs. Wittenberg), Acme stores put up a guarantee of \$10,000, giving the University financial assurance. Since the Acme-Zip project was community wide in its boundaries, the *Akron Beacon Journal* staged an all-out promotional campaign and built up tremendous community awareness of the coming game. In addition, Acme, through its

newspaper and radio advertising, as well as in-store promotions, employed every means to make the event a success.

The first Acme-Zip Game had 23,796 pass through the Rubber Bowl turnstiles — more than the 21,828 that the Zips drew for the entire 1953 season. Over the 44-year history the crowds have steadily climbed from the initial number to a high of 43,171 in 1971.

In both 1982 and 1983, Acme-Zip reached milestones. The attendance at the 1982 game put the series attendance over one million, and the 1983 proceeds pushed the promotion past \$1 million in income.

Blessed with good weather, the total attendance of the past 44 Acme-Zip Games now totals 1,377,069 for an average of 31,297 per game. The more than \$1.7 million that has been turned over to the University has served as a financial boost for its athletic program.

The crowds that turned out the first four years saw UA lose each game. Since then the Zips have won 29, lost 10, and tied 1.

Soccer was added to the program in 1957, which has done much to promote and expose the sport to area fans. In 1976, the Acme-Zip Run was an addition to the festivities and upwards of 300 runners of all ages have participated. In 1986, rugby was introduced to the Acme-Zip crowd.

If success is measured by the achievement of the goals set and the means by which they were achieved, then Acme-Zip surely can be labeled a success. "Red" Cochrane sums up the story by saying: "Acme-Zip is a success, not just because of the profits, but because of the community cooperation. The event, which has become the thing to do and the place to be, from high society on down, is planned for and with the community, and is a success because the citizens are part of it."

When the Acme-Zip fan, whether five or 75, settles down for the annual festivities, there is much in store for them — football, entertainment, fabulous halftime shows and sparkling fireworks. From The Great Wallenda in 1973 to "Whitney the Wonder Dog" in 1997, Akronites have been treated to wholesome entertainment. But the center of attention for the evening goes to the grid contest.

Perhaps by now you've got the point — the Acme-Zip Game is a great success. In fact, it is called "Akron's greatest football show." For community residents there is no doubt about it.

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44-YEAR ACME-ZIP HISTORY

| Date | Coach | UA | Opponent | Opp. | Att. | Featured Show |
|---------|---------------|----|----------------------|------|--------|--|
| 9/25/54 | Joe McMullen | 7 | Wittenberg-L | 12 | 23,769 | Country Bands |
| 10/1/55 | Joe McMullen | 7 | Muskingum-L | 19 | 24,025 | Sunny Gale |
| 9/22/56 | Joe McMullen | 14 | Wittenberg-L | 34 | 28,694 | Pt. Clinton Majorettes |
| 9/28/57 | Joe McMullen | 7 | Muskingum-L | 26 | 31,012 | Mt. Lebanon Rockettes |
| 9/20/58 | Joe McMullen | 18 | Mount Union-W | 0 | 32,863 | Massillon Band |
| 9/26/59 | Joe McMullen | 6 | Muskingum-W | 0 | 33,218 | Massillon Band |
| 9/24/60 | Joe McMullen | 0 | Mount Union-L | 27 | 33,868 | Saegertown and County Bands |
| 9/30/61 | Gordon Larson | 28 | Denison-W | 0 | 35,601 | Saegertown and Barberton Bands |
| 9/26/62 | Gordon Larson | 13 | Baldwin-Wallace-W | 7 | 35,563 | Coventry Band |
| 9/21/63 | Gordon Larson | 13 | Muskingum-W | 0 | 42,815 | Barberton Band |
| 9/26/64 | Gordon Larson | 17 | Southwest Missouri-W | 0 | 38,565 | Warren Band |
| 9/18/65 | Gordon Larson | 6 | Western Kentucky-T | 6 | 40,165 | Oberlin Band |
| 9/17/66 | Gordon Larson | 18 | Northern Michigan-W | 10 | 40,166 | Warren Band |
| 9/23/67 | Gordon Larson | 6 | Tampa-W | 0 | 38,267 | Alliance Band |
| 9/21/68 | Gordon Larson | 41 | Indiana State-W | 13 | 43,068 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/20/69 | Gordon Larson | 40 | Tampa-W | 0 | 42,869 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/19/70 | Gordon Larson | 34 | Butler-W | 0 | 41,670 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/18/71 | Gordon Larson | 24 | Butler-W | 0 | 43,171 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/23/72 | Gordon Larson | 24 | Western Illinois-L | 30 | 21,464 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/15/73 | Jim Dennison | 51 | Butler-W | 19 | 37,484 | UA Marching Band and the Great Wallenda |
| 9/7/74 | Jim Dennison | 31 | Central State-W | 20 | 32,874 | UA Marching Band and the Nerveless Nocks |
| 9/6/75 | Jim Dennison | 20 | Marshall-W | 8 | 27,949 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/11/76 | Jim Dennison | 13 | Temple-L | 23 | 33,158 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/17/77 | Jim Dennison | 24 | Western Kentucky-W | 3 | 31,792 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/23/78 | Jim Dennison | 28 | Wayne State-W | 0 | 34,529 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/8/79 | Jim Dennison | 24 | Western Illinois-W | 7 | 32,113 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/6/80 | Jim Dennison | 31 | Northeast Missouri-W | 7 | 36,041 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/4/81 | Jim Dennison | 7 | Middle Tennessee-L | 10 | 31,004 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/11/82 | Jim Dennison | 14 | Eastern Michigan-W | 7 | 35,684 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/3/83 | Jim Dennison | 13 | Kent-W | 6 | 37,111 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/15/84 | Jim Dennison | 42 | Western Kentucky-W | 7 | 23,984 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/14/85 | Jim Dennison | 24 | Kent-W | 0 | 32,185 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/6/86 | Gerry Faust | 35 | Salem-W | 0 | 35,202 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/12/87 | Gerry Faust | 24 | Kent-L | 27 | 35,187 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/17/88 | Gerry Faust | 16 | Central Michigan-L | 27 | 19,124 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/9/89 | Gerry Faust | 40 | Kent-W | 7 | 24,630 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/1/90 | Gerry Faust | 17 | Illinois State-W | 7 | 20,001 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/14/91 | Gerry Faust | 3 | Illinois State-L | 25 | 20,680 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/12/92 | Gerry Faust | 23 | Toledo-W | 20 | 20,211 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/11/93 | Gerry Faust | 42 | Kent-W | 7 | 24,205 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/10/94 | Gerry Faust | 0 | Bowling Green-L | 45 | 21,389 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/30/95 | Lee Owens | 16 | Central Michigan-W | 13 | 17,246 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/7/96 | Lee Owens | 18 | Virginia Tech-L | 21 | 12,993 | UA Marching Band |
| 9/20/97 | Lee Owens | 28 | Bowling Green-L | 31 | 18,887 | UA Marching Band |

Years and record: 44, Won 29, Lost 14, Tied 1 (67.0 winning percentage)

Total Points Scored: UA 907 (20.6), Opponents 522 (11.9)

Total Attendance: 1,377,069 (average of 31,297 per game)

The 45th annual Acme-Zip Game is slated for Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. when UA entertains defending MAC champion Marshall at the Rubber Bowl.

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RUBBER BOWL

The University of Akron's venerable Rubber Bowl is the largest football stadium in the Mid-American Conference, and the second largest college stadium in the state of Ohio.

With current capacity at 35,202, The Bowl is runnerup to Ohio State's Ohio Stadium which seats 91,470 along the banks of the Olentangy.

The Zips' horseshoe-shaped home has been a gathering spot for Northeast Ohio football fans and event goers for 57 years. The site of 269 UA grid contests, more than 1,500 high school games, including dozens of OHSAA playoff games, countless bantam contests, as well as many soccer matches, 19 pre-season Cleveland Browns' games and many concerts and shows, the Rubber Bowl has stood the test of time. Before the year 2000, three million fans will have witnessed six decades of Zips' gridiron action at The Bowl.

In 1940, the UA football team abandoned well-worn Buchtel Field to begin displaying its talents in the new municipally owned Rubber Bowl.

The Bowl began to develop under the plans of B.E. "Shorty" Fulton in 1933. With the help of the Civil Works Authority, Fulton had 180,000 cubic yards of dirt carved out of the side of the hill neighboring Akron Municipal Airport. Fulton, the airport manager, turned the site into a recreation area.

Then in 1939, civic-minded citizens headed by C.W. Seiberling and James Schlemmer, sports editor of the *Akron Beacon Journal*, raised \$30,000 to help construct the stadium

on the site. The amount was raised by subscribing \$1 from 30,000 Akronites. A federal grant of \$516,000 was obtained and construction began. The stadium was dedicated before 37,000 people on August 10, 1940.



The University of Akron's Rubber Bowl is the largest football stadium in the Mid-American Conference.

Akron opened its playing history in the Rubber Bowl on Oct. 5, 1940, before 17,472 spectators against Western Reserve. Although it was an historic and joyous occasion, the Zips lost 6-0. However, the Rubber Bowl has since become an excellent home field, as evidenced by UA's overall mark of 158 wins, 101 losses, and 10 ties (60.6 percent).

In June 1971, The University of Akron accepted the title to the Rubber Bowl from the City of Akron and began a program of refurbishing the stadium.

Tired of the so-called "white elephant" image of the Rubber Bowl, University trustees authorized \$175,000 for improvements. First priority went to a lighting system which increased the light of the field by more than five times.

The most striking improvement took place in the summer of 1973. Spearheaded by a gift of \$200,000 from Elza E. Hopkins and Clarkins Stores, and a community wide fund-raising drive directed by the Touchdown Club that provided more than \$160,000, the University was able to install an all-weather artificial surface. Installation of AstroTurf got UA and area high school football teams "out of the mud."

| RUBBER BOWL ATTENDANCE | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------|---------|--------|-------|-----|------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Year | Gms | W-L | Attend. | Avg. | Year | Gms | W-L | Attend. | Avg. | | |
| 1940 | 6 | 2-4 | 55,589 | 9,265 | 1972 | 5 | 2-2-1 | 71,453 | 14,291 | | |
| 1941 | 7 | 4-2-1 | 29,592 | 4,227 | 1973 | 5 | 4-1 | 69,301 | 13,860 | | |
| 1942 | 6 | 0-4-2 | 20,555 | 3,426 | 1974 | 4 | 2-2 | 57,529 | 14,382 | | |
| 1943-45 NO TEAM | | | | | | | 1975 | 6 | 5-1 | 74,611 | 12,435 |
| 1946 | 6 | 4-2 | 34,109 | 5,685 | 1976 | 6 | 5-1 | 77,563 | 12,927 | | |
| 1947 | 4 | 1-3 | 21,144 | 5,286 | 1977 | 6 | 4-2 | 66,605 | 11,100 | | |
| 1948 | 4 | 1-3 | 30,345 | 7,586 | 1978 | 5 | 4-1 | 63,813 | 12,766 | | |
| 1949 | 4 | 1-3 | 30,135 | 7,534 | 1979 | 5 | 3-2 | 81,597 | 16,319 | | |
| 1950 | 5 | 2-3 | 24,120 | 4,824 | 1980 | 5 | 3-2 | 80,691 | 16,138 | | |
| 1951 | 4 | 0-4 | 16,369 | 4,092 | 1981 | 5 | 2-3 | 61,572 | 12,314 | | |
| 1952 | 6 | 2-3-1 | 20,900 | 3,483 | 1982 | 5 | 4-1 | 63,964 | 12,793 | | |
| 1953 | 4 | 3-1 | 21,828 | 5,457 | 1983 | 6 | 4-2 | 72,445 | 12,074 | | |
| 1954 | 5 | 1-4 | 37,653 | 7,531 | 1984 | 5 | 3-2 | 56,532 | 11,306 | | |
| 1955 | 4 | 3-1 | 33,501 | 8,375 | 1985 | 5 | 4-1 | 90,684 | 18,137 | | |
| 1956 | 4 | 0-4 | 36,065 | 9,016 | 1986 | 6 | 5-1 | 99,635 | 16,606 | | |
| 1957 | 4 | 2-1-1 | 36,986 | 9,246 | 1987 | 6 | 3-3 | 76,483 | 12,747 | | |
| 1958 | 6 | 4-1-1 | 43,762 | 7,294 | 1988 | 6 | 3-3 | 53,044 | 8,841 | | |
| 1959 | 4 | 2-1* | 35,421 | 11,807 | 1989 | 4 | 4-0 | 68,218 | 17,055 | | |
| 1960 | 4 | 1-3 | 37,577 | 9,394 | 1990 | 5 | 2-2-1 | 55,820 | 11,164 | | |
| 1961 | 4 | 3-0** | 45,561 | 15,187 | 1991 | 5 | 4-1 | 69,744 | 13,949 | | |
| 1962 | 5 | 4-1 | 57,899 | 11,580 | 1992 | 5 | 3-1-1 | 52,062 | 10,412 | | |
| 1963 | 4 | 4-0 | 53,350 | 13,337 | 1993 | 5 | 3-2 | 88,705 | 17,741 | | |
| 1964 | 5 | 4-1 | 52,836 | 10,567 | 1994 | 5 | 1-4 | 45,868 | 9,174 | | |
| 1965 | 4 | 1-2-1 | 48,597 | 12,149 | 1995 | 5 | 2-3 | 46,799 | 9,360 | | |
| 1966 | 5 | 5-0 | 52,093 | 10,419 | 1996 | 5 | 3-2 | 37,090 | 7,418 | | |
| 1967 | 4 | 3-0** | 46,852 | 15,617 | 1997 | 4 | 2-2 | 45,682 | 11,420 | | |
| 1968 | 4 | 3-1 | 53,441 | 13,360 | Total | 273 | 158-101-10 | 2,928,248*** | 10,878 | | |
| 1969 | 6 | 5-0* | 75,167 | 15,033 | | | | | | | |
| 1970 | 5 | 3-2 | 86,449 | 17,290 | | | | | | | |
| 1971 | 6 | 6-0 | 92,977 | 15,496 | | | | | | | |

*one game at Barberton Stadium

**one game at Cuyahoga Falls Stadium

***total attendance since 1940 is 2,949,811, including 4 "away"

That same year, the Cleveland Browns' played their 19th (and last) preseason football game at The Bowl. The New York Giants defeated the Browns, 21-10, in front of 30,751 spectators. The Cleveland franchise had a 14-5 mark at The Bowl and attracted more than one-half million fans.

In 1983, after 10 years, a new carpet was installed at a cost of more than \$500,000. The funds to pay for the repairs and installation came from a UA bond issue.

In 1991, more than \$100,000 was contributed by the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Ohio, Summa Health Systems, National City Bank of Ohio, and the Varsity "A" Association to purchase a new scoreboard for the Rubber Bowl.

Prior to the start of the '94 season, the University Board of Trustees okayed funds of about \$750,000 to fix The Bowl's drainage system and apply new artificial turf to the floor of



The Bowl underwent major improvements in 1994.

the Zips' football home. The stadium also got a complete paint job and the seats were refurbished.

The Bowl will begin its 58th year of service when the Zips host the 45th annual Acme-Zip Game on Sept. 5.

CLEVELAND BROWNS' PRESEASON GAMES AT THE RUBBER BOWL

| Year | Opponent | Att. | Score | W/L |
|------|-----------------|--------|-------|-----|
| 1946 | Brooklyn | 35,964 | 35-20 | W |
| 1947 | Baltimore | 35,106 | 28-0 | W |
| 1948 | Buffalo | 28,069 | 35-21 | W |
| 1949 | New York | 19,441 | 28-21 | W |
| 1950 | Detroit | 23,670 | 35-14 | W |
| 1951 | New York Yanks | 25,820 | 52-0 | W |
| 1952 | San Francisco | 30,119 | 35-31 | L |
| 1953 | Baltimore | 20,000 | 23-21 | W |
| 1955 | Green Bay | 22,000 | 13-7 | W |
| 1956 | Detroit | 28,201 | 31-14 | L |
| 1957 | Pittsburgh | 26,669 | 28-13 | W |
| 1958 | Pittsburgh | 27,202 | 10-0 | W |
| 1959 | Detroit | 22,654 | 9-3 | L |
| 1960 | Chicago | 21,568 | 16-10 | W |
| 1961 | Pittsburgh | 27,758 | 38-6 | W |
| 1964 | Pittsburgh | 27,255 | 42-7 | W |
| 1965 | Pittsburgh | 23,162 | 28-16 | W |
| 1969 | Minnesota | 28,561 | 23-16 | L |
| 1973 | New York Giants | 30,751 | 21-10 | L |

Totals: 19 games (14-5)

Attendance (Average): 503,970 (26,252)

BUCHTEL FIELD

Site of the 1998 Mid-American Conference Softball Tournament, The University of Akron's Buchtel Field is certainly at the "grass roots" of the Zip athletic program. Home of the Zip softball team, Buchtel Field is located one block south of campus at the corner of Wheeler and Kling Streets. The land itself was purchased in 1891 for approximately \$8,700.

The official opening of the athletic facility occurred Oct. 15, 1892, as the Buchtel College football team hosted Case. Unfortunately, Case spoiled Buchtel's first home contest, 14-9.

Grandstands have gone up and down in the 106-year history of Buchtel Field. Approximately \$3,700 was spent preparing the grounds and erecting grandstands for 300 spectators. The grounds included a running track, tennis courts, and fencing to enclose the entire area.

In 1904, a fire destroyed the grandstands and part of the fence at Buchtel



Longtime Buchtel Field grounds-keeper L.E. Martin

Field. Grandstand facilities became a reality in 1923, when seating for 5,500 spectators was erected. Room for an additional 1,500 bleacher seats was also made available.

The UA football team moved to Akron Municipal Stadium, better known as the Rubber Bowl, in 1940. Buchtel Field had become an inadequate facility for the growing demands of the football program. Unfortunately, the team had to return to Buchtel Field in 1942 due to wartime conditions.

The crumbling stands were torn down in 1946 in preparation for the construction of a new athletic services building. The building, then referred to as Buchtel Field House, contained a first-aid room, offices, and locker rooms. The demise of Buchtel Field as a playing facility for the football team became official in 1948.

During the 1950s, Akron's baseball team began to utilize Buchtel Field as their home field and did so until 1969 when the diamond nine moved to Lee Jackson Field.

Since 1980, Buchtel Field has been home to the Zip softball team and UA owns a 239-70 (77.3 percent) home-field record during that time, including 16-5 last spring. The University of Akron was awarded the 1986 NCAA Division II National Softball Championship — the first and only NCAA championship contested at UA.

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| Year | UA | Opp. |
|-----------------|----|-------------------|
| 1921 | 13 | Western Reserve |
| 1922 | 0 | Wooster |
| 1923 | 10 | Toledo |
| 1924 | 16 | Baldwin-Wallace |
| 1925 | 14 | Case Tech |
| 1926 | 3 | Mount Union |
| 1927 | 20 | Muskingum |
| 1928 | 0 | Muskingum |
| 1929 | 14 | Western Reserve |
| 1930 | 12 | Baldwin-Wallace |
| 1931 | 7 | Wooster |
| 1932 | 6 | Baldwin-Wallace |
| 1933 | 0 | Wooster |
| 1934 | 0 | Baldwin-Wallace |
| 1935 | 0 | Wooster |
| 1936 | 25 | Heidelberg |
| 1937 | 7 | Baldwin-Wallace |
| 1938 | 6 | Western Michigan |
| 1939 | 12 | Wayne Univ. |
| 1940 | 6 | Illinois Wesleyan |
| 1941 | 0 | Baldwin-Wallace |
| 1942 | 0 | Baldwin-Wallace |
| 1943-45 NO TEAM | | |
| 1946 | 13 | Case Tech |
| 1947 | 19 | Mount Union |
| 1948 | 20 | Wooster |
| 1949 | 14 | Mount Union |
| 1950 | 34 | Wooster |
| 1951 | 7 | Mount Union |
| 1952 | 14 | Wooster |
| 1953 | 16 | Mount Union |
| 1954 | 27 | Wooster |
| 1955 | 19 | Denison |
| 1956 | 17 | Wooster |
| 1957 | 13 | Capital |
| 1958 | 11 | Heidelberg |
| 1959 | 14 | Youngstown State |
| 1960 | 21 | Wooster |
| 1961 | 0 | Baldwin-Wallace |
| 1962 | 42 | Wooster |
| 1963 | 19 | Capital |
| 1964 | 15 | Baldwin-Wallace |
| 1965 | 6 | Capital |
| 1966 | 9 | Baldwin-Wallace |
| 1967 | 42 | Bradley |
| 1968 | 46 | Illinois State |
| 1969 | 40 | Illinois State |
| 1970 | 8 | Indiana State |
| 1971 | 43 | Southern Illinois |
| 1972 | 14 | Central Michigan |
| 1973 | 31 | Youngstown State |
| 1974 | 23 | Northern Michigan |
| 1975 | 24 | Temple |
| 1976 | 36 | Eastern Michigan |
| 1977 | 20 | Indiana State |
| 1978 | 27 | Northern Michigan |
| 1979 | 3 | Youngstown State |
| 1980 | 21 | Eastern Michigan |
| 1981 | 31 | Morehead State |
| 1982 | 28 | Morehead State |
| 1983 | 7 | Eastern Illinois |
| 1984 | 27 | Morehead State |
| 1985 | 17 | Murray State |
| 1986 | 30 | Morehead State |
| 1987 | 24 | Eastern Illinois |
| 1988 | 40 | Long Beach State |
| 1989 | 31 | Louisiana Tech |
| 1990 | 20 | Western Michigan |
| 1991 | 38 | Youngstown State |
| 1992 | 3 | Bowling Green |
| 1993 | 31 | Miami (O.) |
| 1994 | 0 | Central Michigan |
| 1995 | 23 | Ohio |
| 1996 | 10 | Miami (O.) |
| 1997 | 17 | Ohio |

Won - 45, Lost - 27, Tied - 2 (62.1 winning percentage)



1998 HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

The 1998 Homecoming Week series of events kick-off with the annual Moctail Contest. The contest will take place at 8 p.m. in the Gardner Student Center Hilltop Dining Room.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

An exciting evening at the Martin University Center awaits you and your guest at the 1998 Homecoming Dance. Join University alumni, students, faculty and friends for a memorable evening filled with live music, the announcement of the Homecoming Court, energized dancing and wonderful hors d'oeuvres. For tickets, visit the Gardner Student Center Ticket Master or call the Alumni Office at (330) 972-7270.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

All of the tradition of Homecoming comes to a spirited finale at the Rubber Bowl with tent parties and celebrations sponsored by students, alumni and athletics. The Zips kick-off the big game against the defending MAC West champion Toledo Rockets at 1:30 p.m.

OTHER HOMECOMING EVENTS

Many other events for the entire family are currently in the planning stages to complete the Homecoming Week festivities. For more information regarding schedules, tickets and event times for this exciting celebration, please call The University of Akron Office of Student Development at (330) 972-7021.

TROPHY GAMES

THE WAGON WHEEL

According to legend, the "Wagon Wheel" came into being in the spring of 1870 when John R. Buchtel, an Akron industrialist, at the insistence of Rev. Andrew Wilson of the Kent Universalist Church, set out for Kent in search of a site for a proposed college. However, his wagon became bogged down in the mud where Kent State University is currently located, the horses broke away and left bits and pieces of the carriage scattered, including one of the wheels, which remained wedged in the mud.

Buchtel eventually found his way back to Akron, where he settled on a site for Buchtel College, forerunner of the present university.

During construction of a pipeline along the Western Reserve Trail in 1902, the wheel was discovered and eventually became the property of Dr. Raymond Manchester, who in 1945 as the KSU Dean of Men, he suggested the wheel be set up as an award to the winner of the Akron-Kent football game.

Manchester had the wheel painted blue and gold, the school colors of both schools, and it has been a prized trophy ever since. Each spoke bears a plaque verifying the score of each game.

In 1946, Kent defeated the Zips, 13-6, to capture the Wagon Wheel Trophy. The Trophy remained in Golden Flashes' possession as they sidelined the Zips each year. Finally, after Kent's lopsided 58-18 win in 1954, the series between the two schools and the Wagon Wheel went into hibernation.

The hibernation lasted until Sept. 9, 1972, when the series was revived. In that game, played at the Rubber Bowl, 25,131 saw UA grab a 13-0 lead, but KSU battled back to score 13 fourth-quarter points, and the contest ended in a tie. Akron was then awarded custodial rights for a two-year period for its first possession of the prized trophy since its inception. However, in 1979, UA earned the honor of possessing the "Wagon Wheel" when it edged the Flashes,



15-13. Since then, the two adversaries have traded the trophy back and forth.

The Zips rushed for 470 yards and reclaimed the "Wheel" with a 45-35 victory last November. UA leads the all-time series 20-18-2.



CHRIS ANGELOFF SCHOLARSHIP

The Chris Angeloff Scholarship was established in memory of Chris Angeloff, a junior starting tight end, who collapsed and died of cardiac arrest during UA's 20-8 victory over Marshall in the Acme-Zip Game on Sept. 6, 1975.

Angeloff, 20, was leaving the field on a possession exchange midway in the second period, got to the sidelines and collapsed. As many as seven doctors tried to revive him.

A native of Erie, Pa., Angeloff had become a starter as a sophomore. An accounting major, he carried a 3.20 GPA. He was the son of Carl and Mary Angeloff. His teammates voted to retire his jersey (#89), the first such tribute paid to a UA football player.

At the request of the family, income from the endowed fund is applied to athletic scholarships. Funds are derived from memorials contributed to Angeloff.

STEEL-TIRE TROPHY

The Steel-Tire Trophy came into existence in 1976 and was the brainchild of former athletic directors, Gordon Larson of the University of Akron and Youngstown State's Paul Amadio.

"Paul and I got together in the summer of 1976 and felt that the two schools had developed into such keen rivals that there ought to be a suitable trophy exchanged," explained Larson.

The Steel-Tire Trophy, which ties together the former major industries of both cities, was designed and fabricated by James Walker, an employee of Youngstown Sheet and Tube.

The all-time series stands even at 18-18-2. Youngstown State won the last meeting 24-10 in 1995 at The Bowl.

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OHIO'S PRIDE

"Ohio's Pride," The University of Akron Marching Band provides the pregame and halftime excitement at every home game. The Marching Band also maintains a busy off-campus schedule, and will perform on Oct. 3 in Pittsburgh, Pa., at the UA-Pittsburgh football game. They will also make an appearance as the feature band on Sept. 12 at Cloverleaf High School for the Ohio Music Education Association Marching Band competition. Over the years, the band has performed for the Cleveland Browns, Buffalo Bills, Pittsburgh Steelers and the Cincinnati Bengals football teams. "Ohio's Pride" is in constant demand as a guest band for parades, festivals, high school band competitions, and band shows.

According to Michael Golemo, Director of the Marching Band, "Much of the success of "Ohio's Pride" is due to the enthusiasm, dedication, hard work, and intense spirit shown by every member. We rely on the leadership skills of our own students and use them as squad leaders, section leaders, and captains. In addition to these positions, we also have two drum majors, a flag advisor, a twirling advisor, a percussion graduate assistant, a graduate assistant director, and a student band staff. Lastly, we get a great deal of support from our band fraternity and sorority, Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma."

The Marching Band rehearses 6-7 hours during the week of a performance, and 3-4 hours during an "off" week. All band members attend a week-long band camp where they are taught the fundamental skills, system and style of "Ohio's Pride." According to Robert Jorgensen, "To help achieve this style, we use the latest in computerized drill design and much of our music is arranged exclusively for us by Michael Golemo."

According to Brendan Hickey, a student tuba player in the band, "I enjoy the enthusiasm of the band while out practicing, on the field during a performance or in the stands at football games. I'm glad to be a part of this experience."

In addition to seeing "Ohio's Pride" on the gridiron, you can hear them in the concert hall. Their annual indoor performance, Bandorama, will be held in the E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall on Sunday, Oct. 25, at 3:00 p.m.

If you are interested in more information about the Marching Band, or would like to support the band by joining the Akron Zips Band Fan Club, please contact the Band Office at (330) 972-6919.



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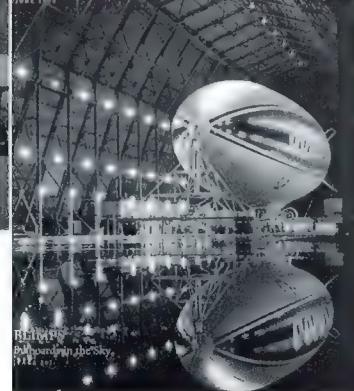


Discover Akron!

For the second time in recent years, Akron has been named an All-America City by the National Civic League. With a population of 223,000, Akron is Ohio's fifth largest city.

- Critically acclaimed Akron Symphony Orchestra and Ohio Ballet, the latter in residence on campus, performing in UA's E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall.
- Famous area museums: the Akron and Cleveland museums of art, Inventure Place, The Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland.
- Sea World and Geauga Lake amusement parks in nearby Aurora.
- Cleveland Indians, Cavaliers, Crunch and Lumberjacks athletic contests less than an hour away.
- Professional baseball at Canal Park in downtown Akron. A \$31 million facility with 8,500 seats, Canal Park is home to the Akron Aeros of the Class AA Eastern League.
- Downtown's Akron Civic Theatre, designed in vaudevillian splendor to provide a dazzling backdrop for classic films and stage productions.
- Nationally known annual events: the All-American Soap Box Derby, the NEC World Series of Golf, and the Rubber City Air Show.
- Scenic acres by the thousands in Summit County metro parks and the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area.
- Outdoor concerts all summer and for all tastes at nearby Blossom Music Center.
- Shopping alternatives, from several modern malls to specialty shops in downtown's Quaker Square, housed in a former Quaker Oats factory.
- A wide variety of dining possibilities from more than 300 restaurants in Summit County.

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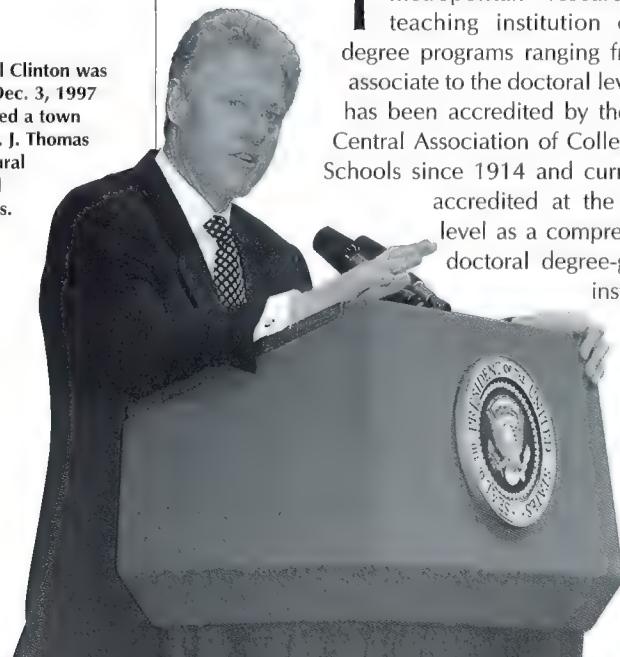
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The University of Akron

President Bill Clinton was on campus Dec. 3, 1997 and conducted a town meeting at E. J. Thomas Hall on cultural diversity and race relations.



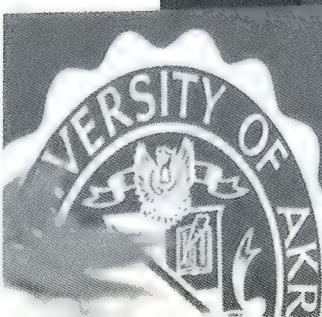
The University of Akron is a metropolitan research and teaching institution offering degree programs ranging from the associate to the doctoral levels. UA has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools since 1914 and currently is accredited at the highest level as a comprehensive doctoral degree-granting institution.

The University is known worldwide for its pioneering work in polymer science and polymer engineering. The University's main campus is located in the heart of Akron, where it was established in 1870 as Buchtel College, a private, liberal arts institution. With more than 23,000 students, the University has the third-largest main campus enrollment of Ohio's state universities. The University draws students from 40 states and 80 foreign nations. Minority students make up about 14 percent of the student body.

UA has nine degree-granting colleges and a School of Law. The University offers more than 200 undergraduate majors and areas of study, along with 47 master's, 13 doctoral and four law degree programs. Of UA's total enrollment, about 83 percent are undergraduate students, 11 percent are master's degree students and five percent are doctoral or law degree students. The University Honors Program offers an especially challenging academic program for top undergraduate students.

The University's teaching faculty exceeds 1,700 members, including approximately 771 full-time faculty. Many faculty members have established national and international reputations. More than 78 percent hold a Ph.D. or the terminal degree in their field.

In athletics, UA is a NCAA Division I university and competes in 17 men's and women's sports as a member of the Mid-American Conference.



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UA Facts

Academics

- More than 200 undergraduate majors and areas of study
- University Honors Program for top academic achievers
- Accreditation since 1914 by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and current accreditation at the highest level as a comprehensive, doctoral degree-granting institution
- Graduate degree programs and School of Law



Enrollment (1997 - 1998)

- Total: 23,578
- Undergraduate: 19,467
- Graduate: 3,444
- Professional: 627
- Minority: 14.2 percent
 - African American: 2,771 (11.8 percent)
 - Asian/Pacific Islander: 383 (1.6 percent)
 - Hispanic: 222 (0.9 percent)
 - Native American: 145 (0.6 percent)
- Students from 40 states and 80 foreign countries
- 61.2% age 25 and under
38.8% over age 25

Faculty

- 771 full-time teaching faculty, many renowned in their field
- Faculty members serve as a personal academic adviser for all students
- 78 percent of full-time teaching faculty members hold Ph.D. or terminal degree in their field
- University-wide student faculty ratio is 20:1



Facilities and Services

- 170-acre campus with 76 buildings
- Residence halls to house approximately 2,000 students
- Recreational facilities including Ocasek Natatorium and Gardner Student Center
- Computer center and dozens of departmental computer labs
- E-mail and full Internet services
- Career counseling and job placement services

Academic Calendar

- Two 15-week semesters (August to December and January to May)
- Two optional five-week summer sessions
- Students accepted for admission may start classes at any semester or session



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MID-AMERICAN



Dan Hipsher was the 1998 MAC and Ohio College Basketball Coach of the Year.

1998-99 MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East Division

Akron
Bowling Green
Buffalo
Kent
Marshall
Miami (O.)
Ohio

West Division

Ball State
Central Michigan
Eastern Michigan
Northern Illinois
Toledo
Western Michigan

As the Mid-American Conference prepares for 1998-99, it is in the midst of its sixth decade of academic and athletic excellence. The MAC is regarded as one of America's great all-sports conferences, and serves 13 member institutions with a total enrollment of more than 275,000 students.

Founded as a five-school league in 1946, with Ohio, Butler, Cincinnati, Wayne State and Western Reserve as charter members, the MAC has stood the test of time and grown in ways its founders could not have imagined.

The Mid-American Conference, now 13 universities strong, consists of the University of Akron (joined in 1992), Ball State University (1973), Bowling Green State University (1952), University of Buffalo (1998), Central Michigan University (1971), Eastern Michigan University (1971), Kent State University (1951), Marshall University (1997), Miami University (1947), Northern Illinois University (1997), Ohio University (1946), University of Toledo (1950) and Western Michigan University (1947). The University of Buffalo will join the conference in all sports it sponsors, with the exception of football which will join in 1999.

By state, Ohio is home to six schools, Michigan to three and Illinois, Indiana, New York and West Virginia, one apiece.

With the addition of two new universities in 1997, the conference divided into two divisions — East and West — for competition in six sports. The East consists of Akron, Bowling Green, Kent, Marshall, Miami and Ohio. The West has Ball State, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Northern Illinois, Toledo and Western Michigan. They, along with Buffalo, which is assigned to the East Division, will compete for division titles in football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball.

The nation's fourth largest conference in terms of undergraduate enrollment, MAC schools have individual enrollments ranging from 13,000-30,000 and have produced more than 1.5 million alumni.

Mid-American is not just a name but represents a cross-section of Americana. Many MAC universities are located in small communities, but all 13 are within a short drive of one of the nation's largest cities: Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Detroit and Indianapolis. Each of the 50 states and more than 100 countries are represented on MAC campuses, with students being attracted by a wealth of opportunity and hundreds of degree-granting programs at the undergraduate, master's and doctorate levels.

As the nation's sixth-oldest Division I conference, the MAC has been at the forefront of national legislation to enhance the academic integrity of intercollegiate athletics. The MAC strengthened admittance standards, established an academic progress rule and set increased grade point average requirements long before the NCAA adopted or discussed implementing such academic standards.

The MAC was the first and is still the only Division I-A conference to have its own Hall of Fame. Over its 52 years, the MAC has produced a long list of great athletes and administrators from all corners of the sports world. A list that includes Olympic gold medalists, Major League Baseball stars, NFL and NBA



Catcher Kelli Metzger helped power the Zips to the 1998 regular season MAC softball title. With one season left to play, Metzger is 10th all-time among NCAA Division I sluggers in home runs.

CONFERENCE



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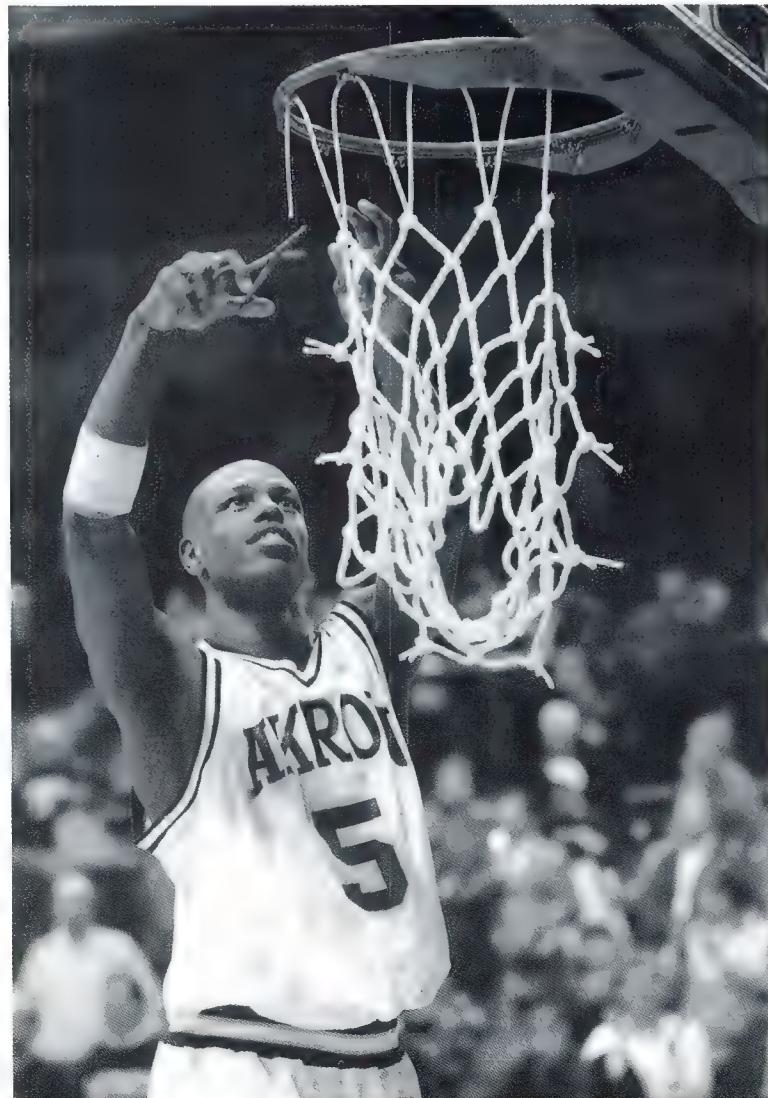
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standouts, PGA golf champions, national-caliber game officials and Hall of Fame coaches and players in various sports.

The MAC is a presidentially controlled conference, sponsoring 22 sports. All major policy decisions are made by the Council of Presidents, which consists of chief executive officers of the 13 universities. For men, championships (11) are sponsored in football, basketball, baseball, cross country, soccer, swimming and diving, indoor track & field, outdoor track & field, wrestling, golf and tennis. For women, championships (11) are sponsored in basketball, softball, volleyball, cross country, field hockey, soccer, swimming and diving, gymnastics, indoor track & field, outdoor track & field and tennis.

Mid-American Conference Membership

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|----------------------|-------|--------------|
| Akron | | 1993-present |
| Ball State | | 1976-present |
| Bowling Green | | 1954-present |
| Buffalo | | 1998-present |
| Butler | ..... | 1947-50 |
| Case Western Reserve | ..... | 1947-55 |
| Central Michigan | ..... | 1973-present |
| Cincinnati | ..... | 1947-53 |
| Eastern Michigan | ..... | 1975-present |
| Kent | ..... | 1952-present |
| Marshall | ..... | 1954-69 |
|  | ..... | 1998-present |
| Miami (O.) | ..... | 1948-present |
| Northern Illinois | ..... | 1976-86 |
|  | ..... | 1998-present |
| Ohio | ..... | 1947-present |
| Toledo | ..... | 1952-present |
| Wayne State (Mich.) | ..... | 1947 |
| Western Michigan | ..... | 1948-present |



Zip guard Jimmal Ball enjoyed cutting down the JAR Arena nets as Akron won the 1998 MAC East Division basketball title. Akron defeated Kent 68-51, to clinch the division.

HISTORY



Nickname

One of the unique nicknames in all of intercollegiate athletics belongs to The University of Akron.

Originally "Zippers," athletic director Kenneth "Red" Cochrane officially shortened the nickname to the "Zips" in 1950. Twenty-five years earlier a campus-wide contest had been conducted to choose a nickname for the University's athletic teams. Suggestions submitted by students, faculty, and alumni included Golden Blue Devils, Tip Toppers, Rubbernecks, Hillbillies, Kangaroos, and Cheveliers. The winner, freshman Margaret Hamlin, received a prize of \$10 for "Zippers" - a \$6 pair of rubber overshoes and a brand name of the BF Goodrich Company.

The University of Akron's storied athletic history dates back to before the turn of the century. Now, 17 intercollegiate sports strong, with more than 350 student-athletes, the Akron Zips are six years into their Mid-American Conference membership and poised for academic and competitive growth in the next century.

The Zips intercollegiate athletics program includes: basketball, cross country, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field and volleyball for women; and baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, and indoor and outdoor track & field for men. Rifle is offered as a co-ed sport.

Renamed The University of Akron in 1913, the Zips were members of the Ohio Athletic Conference from 1915 through 1936. Akron rejoined the conference in 1944 and competed for the last time in the league in 1965-66. With the advent of three NCAA divisions in 1973-74, Akron began as a Division III school and changed to Division II status the next year.

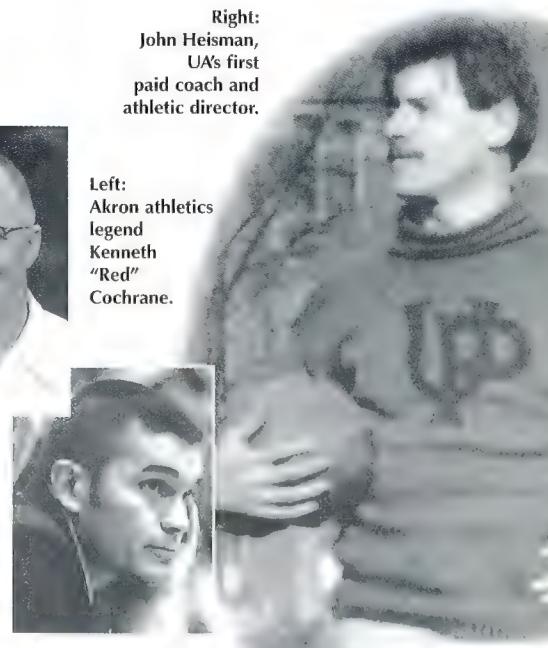
The Zips captured their first NCAA soccer tournament bid in 1961 and finished second in the 1963 college division cross country championship. Akron reached the Division II championship basketball games in 1964 and 1972, and finished third in '66. Coach Gordon Larson's grid squad was invited to the 1968 Grantland Rice Bowl played in Murfreesboro, Tenn., but the Zips fell to Terry Bradshaw-led Louisiana Tech, 33-13.

The 1976 football campaign provided plenty of thrills. National college division coach-of-the-year Jim Dennison led Akron to a 29-26 win over defending Division II national champion Northern Michigan in the Knute Rockne Bowl, played at the Rubber Bowl. It marked the first overtime NCAA football playoff game and propelled the Zips into the Pioneer Bowl (NCAA Division II National Championship) played at Wichita Falls, Texas. Although Montana State claimed the title, 24-13, Akron had proven itself ready for a move into the newly formed NCAA Division I-AA.

Also during the 1970s, Akron added women's athletic teams to its expanding program. The University first sponsored intercollegiate women's basketball in 1973-74, volleyball in 1974-75 and softball in 1976-77.

Right:
John Heisman,
UA's first
paid coach and
athletic director.

Left:
Akron athletics
legend
Kenneth
"Red"
Cochrane.



Above: Wyatt Webb guided UA to the 1972 College Division men's basketball championship game.

The formation of the Mid-Continent Conference in 1977 brought UA its first conference affiliation in 12 years. One year later, the Zips moved to the Ohio Valley Conference, and in 1980 the University was reclassified NCAA Division I.

The mid-1980s saw Akron break through on a national level and establish an athletics program commensurate with its mission as a comprehensive research and teaching university. Coach Joey Arrietta's softball team played in the Division II national championship game in back-to-back seasons in 1984 and '85. In the fall of '85, Dennison's football team earned its first Division I-AA playoff berth. Energetic coach Bob Huggins guided Akron's basketball team to the 1986 Ohio Valley Conference championship and the school's first NCAA Division I Tournament berth. The run of success continued that fall when the Zip soccer team claimed its 15th NCAA Tournament bid and reached the 1986 Division I national championship match under coach Steve Parker. Duke defeated Akron, 1-0, at the Tacoma Dome.



Above: Junior soccer star Justin Millard became Akron's 12th Academic All-American.



Akron became the first school to move from Division I-AA status to Division I-A in football in 1987. Former Notre Dame coach Gerry Faust led the Zips into this new era and directed the grid program for nine seasons.

The University's athletics program took a long anticipated step by joining the prestigious Mid-American Conference in 1992-93. Akron has won six MAC team titles, earning regular-season men's soccer crowns in 1993, '95 and '97, winning the conference baseball tournament in 1996, the East Division men's basketball title in 1998 and the regular-season softball crown in 1998.

The UA football program gained national recognition when it opened the 1997 season at eventual co-national champion Nebraska. The Zips are slated to play at Penn State in 1999 and at Ohio State in 2001. Coach Lee Owens' squad had the nation's 11th best rushing attack and four Academic All-MAC performers in '97.

Last fall, a young Zip volleyball squad showed signs of being a MAC contender in the years to come. Three years ago, coach Mike Schweitzer directed Akron to a 24-10 mark, second place in the MAC and victories over North Carolina and Villanova in the National Invitational Volleyball Championship.

Coach Ken Lolla's soccer squad is 23-3-1 in regular season MAC play over the last five years. The Zips narrowly missed an NCAA Tournament at-large berth in '97.

The Zip men's basketball team registered its best mark in the 1990s, posting a 17-10 slate last winter. Coach Dan Hipsher earned MAC and Ohio Coach-of-the-Year honors in guiding Akron to a 10-0 mark against MAC East opponents during the regular season. Three Zips named to the '98 All-MAC team will return in 1998-99 to face a schedule which includes: defending Missouri Valley Conference champion Illinois State, St. Joseph's, Duquesne, Loyola of Chicago, Western Kentucky and rival Cleveland State.

First-year coach Roxanne Allen did an admirable job in guiding the UA women's cage program back to respectability. Akron posted a 12-18 overall mark (8-10 in the MAC) and placed sixth in the 12-team MAC race. Cheryl Bowles was runnerup for MAC Freshman of the Year. The Zips played a national schedule, falling to reigning three-time NCAA champion Tennessee, Alabama and Colorado State.

Last spring, Dave Fross completed his 25th year in charge of the Zip baseball program, just two years removed from an appearance in the NCAA Division I regional. Akron graduated a host of veteran players following the '97 season and began the rebuilding process in Fross' Silver Season.

Senior Stacy Petriya's solo home run in the 10th inning brought Akron and softball coach Deanna Parks' the 1998 regular-season MAC crown at 23-5. The Zips made it a three-peat on qualifying for the MAC Tournament. Catcher Kelli Metzger will enter the '99 season as the 10th leading all-time home run hitter in NCAA Division I history.

High jumper Laura Wozniak became Akron's first Division I track & field All-American in 1998.



Origin of Mascot "Zippy"

"Zippy" the kangaroo was officially declared The University of Akron's mascot on May 1, 1953. Chair of a committee to suggest a mascot, All-American Zip diver Bob Savoy recommended the kangaroo and it was approved by the student council.

At first much resentment and apathy surrounded the decision, which was made without the benefit of a campuswide vote. Defenders of the kangaroo countered with, "it is an animal that is fast, agile and powerful with undying determination - all the necessary qualities of an athlete."

Pete Demming appeared as the first "Zippy" kangaroo at the inaugural Acme-Zip football game in 1954. Now fully accepted and an integral part of UA's athletics program, "Zippy" is revered by alumni and loved by children.

SUPPORT FUNCTIONS



Mary Lu Gribschaw
Academic Advisor



Gerald Yearwood
Life Skills Coordinator



Dan Bailey
Strength Coach



Marilyn Bowman
Head Athletic Trainer



Brett Draper
Athletic Trainer



Rich Eroshevich
Athletic Trainer

Academic Advising

Preparing for a fulfilling life after college is a vital aspect of the total educational experience that is often overlooked. The University of Akron has implemented a life-skills initiative which provides student-athletes with opportunities and counseling aimed to meet their needs as a whole person. The NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills program targets academic and athletic excellence, personal development, community service, and career development, and strives to enhance a young person's overall success in life.

Under the auspices of the Office of Academic Advising for Student-Athletes, CHAMPS/Life Skills was initiated on July 1, 1995.

It demonstrates the commitment UA's athletic department has made to the futures of its young men and women. Director Mary Lu Gribschaw and assistant Gerald Yearwood are charged with coordinating all academic support programs for Zip athletes. These include: Advising, Counseling (mandatory meetings for all freshmen and student-athletes on probation), Tutoring, Academic Progress Reports, NCAA Academic Eligibility standards compliance and reporting, University Orientation course, Student Athlete Advisory Council and the NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills Program.

In addition to the academic support services provided, this office coordinates workshops on personal enrichment, community service opportunities for all teams, and career development opportunities, including an annual Career Fair.

Formerly an academic advisor and life-skills coordinator at Old Dominion University, Gribschaw administers the total program and is primarily concerned with academic support. She is a 1984 graduate of Robert Morris College.

A former college athlete himself, Yearwood was appointed in December, 1996, as NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills coordinator. He is a 1974 graduate of St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, N.C.

UA produced four GTE District IV Academic Team and 24 Academic All-MAC student-athletes in 1997-98. Twelve times UA athletes have been accorded Academic All-America recognition.

Strength & Conditioning

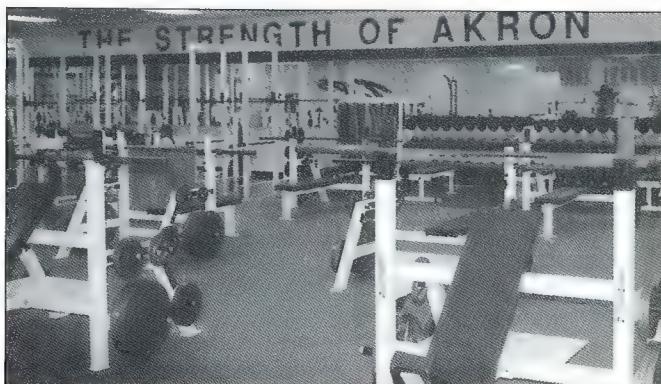
The strength and conditioning program at The University of Akron is coordinated by fourth-year coach Dan Bailey.

The 6,000-square foot Clifford Skeen varsity weight training facility, located next to Ocasek Natatorium, ranks as one of the finest in the Mid-American Conference. The weight room has recently been refurbished and features Tuflex flooring, Samson strength training equipment and Eleiko rubber weights in the Olympic lifting area. The facility has eight bench presses, nine power racks and eight Olympic lifting platforms, an extensive line of dumbbells, as well as a complete line of machines, including hammer and Badger Magnum. An 18-speaker stereo system helps keep the intensity flowing. All of the equipment and accoutrements provide UA student-athletes with a complete and professional environment to pursue their strength and conditioning potentials.

"Our strength and conditioning program is designed to help our athletes become strong and powerful," says Bailey. "We combine strength training, Olympic lifts, plyometrics, speed and agility development, flexibility and cardiovascular conditioning to build the total athlete, so he or she can compete at the Division I level."

Each student-athlete has a computerized workout that is specifically made to suit each individual's strength level. Strength and performance records are kept on each athlete to ensure goals are becoming reality.

Bailey was the associate strength and conditioning coach at the University of Tennessee, before coming to Akron in 1995.





The Invitational golf outing at Firestone Country Club annually raises funds in support of UA athletics.

The Invitational

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Sports Medicine

As dedicated Sports Medicine staff cares for more than 350 Zip student-athletes. Head athletic trainer Marilyn Bowman oversees a staff of two full-time assistant athletic trainers, two graduate assistant trainers from the University's sports medicine master's degree program, and 32 student trainers, who are a part of the undergraduate internship program.

Bowman, Brett Draper and Rich Eroshevich comprise the certified professional staff and have a combined 27 years in the field. Together they manage three fully staffed training rooms in James A. Rhodes Arena, Memorial Hall and the Rubber Bowl. UA provides a complete line of modern athletic training and rehabilitation equipment for use by its student-athletes.

Zip athletes also have access to the finest medical care in Northeast Ohio, through UA's association with Summit Orthopedic Group and Akron Children's Hospital. Doctors George Mallo and Herb Thompson both have been affiliated with Zip athletics for more than 25 years and worked closely with the UA training staff concerning more serious injuries. This team of experienced medical professionals ensure that Zip student-athletes receive first-rate care.

Zip Athletic Club

The Zip Athletic Club is the main fund-raising arm of UA's athletic program and helps offset a \$1.9 million scholarship budget which benefits over 250 young men and women. Through the generosity of alumni, friends and the business/corporate community, UA is able to field a nationally competitive athletic program aimed at contending for Mid-American Conference championships.

In 1997-98, more than \$600,000 in cash and in-kind gifts was generated through Zip Athletic Club activities. The organization also spearheads efforts to increase the athletic scholarship endowment with the ultimate goal of completely endowing all athletic scholarships at the University. Since 1992, Akron's scholarship endowment has doubled to its current total of \$2.4 million, made possible through 31 permanently named scholarships, seven of which have principals in excess of \$100,000. These endowments can be established for contributions starting at \$10,000. Any named scholarship can be designated for a particular sport.

Scholarships with Principals in Excess of \$100,000

- The Akron Golf Charities Foundation Scholarship for Golf*
- The Bruce W. "Scotty" Bierce Athletic Scholarship Fund*
- The Varsity "A"/Porfere "Porky" Dudich Scholarship*
- The Hansel Family Scholarship for Athletics*
- The Carlotta Greer Athletic Aid Scholarship*
- The Frank J. Jackson Scholarship*
- The Walter J. and Genevieve Staiger Endowed Scholarship*

The Edward L. Bittle Scholarship for Athletics

The Dr. Charles E. Casto Basketball Manager's Scholarship

The Comdoc Office Systems Athletic Scholarship

The Joan M. Cutrone Softball Scholarship

The DiDonato Family Scholarship Fund

The Thomas W. Evans Memorial Scholarship

The Dean and Jackie Grinstead Basketball Scholarship

The Lincoln Hackim, Sr., Baseball Scholarship Fund

The Bill Heideman Track Scholarship Fund

The Clarence A. Kelley Athletic Scholarship Fund

The J. "Sid" Laria Scholarship for Football

The Maffei Education Fund

The James P. McCready Family Foundation Golf Scholarship

The M. Norman Menendez Scholarship Fund

The George J. Myers Golf Scholarship

The Caroline J. Pardee Athletic Scholarship for Women

The William E. and Grace D. Paschal Scholarship

The Roofers and Sheet Metal Contractors Association Endowed Scholarship Fund

Marion (Madeo) Rossi Athletic Scholarship

The Paul S. Scarpitti Football Scholarship

The Wentz-Wallace Scholarship Fund for Golf

The Frank A. "Whitey" Wahl Athletic Scholarship

The Max W. Williams Memorial Scholarship

The Women's Athletics Scholarship Endowment

FACILITIES



23-Acre
Lee R. Jackson Field
Athletic Complex





University of Akron student-athletes make use of excellent facilities.

The opening of \$31 million, 8,500-seat Canal Park in downtown Akron in April, 1997, has provided the Zip baseball team with a second home, and the Mid-American Conference with an exciting option for its conference baseball tournament. Although its primary tenants are the Akron Aeros of the Class AA Eastern League, the Zips are welcome guests at this magnificent facility.

The North Course at renowned Firestone Country Club is home to the Zip men's golf team and rated one of Ohio's top 10 golf courses. Firestone's South Course is the site for the NEC World Series of Golf, a major event on the PGA Tour.

Construction of the James A. Rhodes Arena for the 1983-84 season gave the Zip basketball and volleyball teams a modern indoor athletic complex. JAR Arena, which seats 5,942 for basketball, was the first phase of a three-part \$20.5 million project, which included \$6.5 million Ocasek Natatorium, a \$2.5 million renovation of Memorial Hall, and completion of the 6,000-square-foot Cliff Skeen Varsity Weight Room. From 1954 until 1983, Memorial Hall served as home for Akron basketball teams.

With the addition of women's swimming as a varsity sport for the 1998-99 academic year, the Zips newest team will take residence in the Ocasek Natatorium. Opened in January 1988, the natatorium houses an Olympic size pool with two diving platforms along with a three meter and one meter springboard. The building also contains nine racquet ball courts and the Skeen weight room.

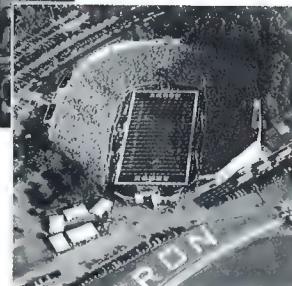
Lee Jackson Field, located on campus, is home for Zip baseball, soccer, track & field and tennis. A 23-acre complex constructed in 1967, Jackson Field continues to be beautifully maintained by the University's athletic and grounds department.

The baseball field was moved to its present site in 1972. Over the last six years, improvements have elevated the diamond to championship form. Dugouts, perimeter fencing, a warning track and the reseeding of the infield have provided the Zips with a quality facility. In 1995, a dual purpose press box went into use for Zip baseball and soccer. A permanent public address system was installed for the '96 season, and in 1997, a wooden, 10-foot high outfield fence was constructed.

In 1994, a fund-raising campaign netted more than \$35,000 to upgrade the soccer facility at Jackson Field. Landscaping and the installation of a



James A. Rhodes Arena



Rubber Bowl

drainage system for the playing surface continue to make the Zips' complex one of the finest in the mid-west. Nine years ago, lights and a fence enclosure were added. Bleacher seating for 1,500 as well as a storage facility are more recent improvements.

Regarded as a "fast track," the UA track and field complex underwent \$100,000 in renovations prior to hosting the 1998 MAC Men's and Women's Track & Field Championships. The Zips' eight-lane, 400-meter Rekortan surface was widened and new curbing installed, with a new javelin runway, hammer and discus cages, shot put sector, long jump pit and pole vault box also put in place.

The site of the 1998 Mid-American Conference women's tennis championships, the recently re-surfaced courts of Jackson Field are home to the UA women's tennis team. During inclement weather the team is a welcomed guest at the six indoor courts of the Parkview Racquet Club.

Site of the 1986 NCAA Division II national softball championship, Buchtel Field has been home to Akron softball since 1980. Located one block south of campus at the corner of Wheeler and Kling Streets, Buchtel Field was Akron's first football field in 1892. The Zips have won nearly 80 percent of their ballgames, while playing on this championship-caliber diamond.

In 1940, UA's football team left Buchtel Field and began playing at the new municipally-owned Akron Rubber Bowl. In June, 1971, UA accepted the title for the 35,202-seat horseshoe-shaped stadium, which is located eight miles from campus, for a fee of \$1. Since then, the University and its support groups have expended more than two million dollars refurbishing Ohio's second largest college football stadium.



Firestone Country Club

ADMINISTRATION

**Marion A.
Ruebel**
President,
University of Akron



Capping a career of distinguished service to The University of Akron, Marion A. Ruebel returned to the institution as its 14th president in April 1996. Ruebel's appointment gives the University an experienced educator and practiced administrator to guide the academic enterprise forward in best serving the complex needs of its students.

Ruebel brings great breadth and depth of academic expertise to the UA presidency. During his 27-year career at the University, Ruebel has served in nearly all of the top administrative positions, including a stint as acting president in 1992.

As president, Ruebel oversees a complex institution of nine degree-granting colleges and a law school. UA has more than 700 full-time faculty members and an annual budget that exceeds \$189 million. The University serves more than 23,000 students from across the country and around the globe, and is known worldwide for its work in polymer science and polymer engineering.

A native of Manson, Iowa, Ruebel embarked on his academic career at the University of Northern Iowa, where he earned a bachelor's degree in biological sciences in 1958. Following graduation, he became a high school teacher and coach in Iowa. In 1962, he earned a master's degree in school administration from the University of Northern Iowa. After several years as a high school principal, he received a Ph.D. in educational administration from Iowa State University in 1969. Ruebel came to UA the next year as an assistant professor of secondary education. He was named department chairman and associate professor in 1973.

Over the next 21 years, Ruebel progressed steadily through the academic ranks. He served as assistant dean of the College of Education, dean of University College, executive assistant to the president, interim senior vice president and provost, acting vice president of student support services, and director of alumni affairs and governmental relations. Along the way, he continued to teach as a professor of education, making a special effort to teach undergraduate as well as graduate courses.

Ruebel retired from UA in 1994 and became president of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in Akron, serving as chief executive officer of the 600-student school.

Ruebel is the author of numerous papers, reports and articles, and has given many presentations on educational issues. He sits on the boards of the Ohio Aerospace Institute, Inventure Place, and the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, and belongs to the Ohio Sciences and Technology Council.

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RICH FRANCHAK

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Rich Franchak came to The University of Akron in 1994 as an Assistant A.D. after working four years at the United States Naval Academy. His duties include NCAA rules education and compliance, financial-aid, facilities and directing the baseball, volleyball, golf, women's swimming and rifle programs.

Franchak gained a wealth of experience while at the Naval Academy. He was responsible for much of the development and administration of the athletic department operating budgets and financial reporting as well as working with Title IX, gender-equity issues, and planning and management of Navy athletic events.

Prior to working at the Naval Academy, Franchak was a marketing analyst for Crown Central Petroleum of Baltimore.

Franchak received his B.A. in economics with a concentration in accounting from the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

He is single and resides in Cuyahoga Falls.



DAWN ROGERS

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Now completing her ninth year at UA is Assistant A.D. Dawn Rogers. Responsible for nine of UA's varsity sports programs, including men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and cross country, soccer, women's basketball and softball, she also oversees initial and continuing eligibility for all student-athletes. Rogers was responsible for implementing the NCAA Champs/Life Skills program at UA.

Rogers was director of promotions at Temple University, and also served as corporate and group sales coordinator at The University of Cincinnati.

She received her B.S. in physical education and business from Ithaca College in 1986, and her M.S. in sports management from The University of Massachusetts.

An avid runner, Rogers has completed 11 marathons including the Boston Marathon. She and her husband, Robert, reside in West Akron with their son, Owen, age two.



DEAN H. KENNETH BARKER

SPECIAL ASSISTANT

Dr. H. Kenneth Barker has been an integral part of The University of Akron community since 1966. Although he officially retired in 1987, he remains very active at UA.

Barker served 19 years as the Dean of the College of Education (1966-85) and two years as special assistant to the president while undertaking duties as chairman of the Athletic Committee. As special assistant, Barker's primary duties include generating ticket revenue through the corporate sector.

A native of Louisville, Ky., Barker earned his B.S. in psychology from The University of Louisville in 1948 and one year later obtained his master's in that same field. He received his Ph.D. from Michigan in 1959 and went on to serve as associate executive secretary for the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Washington, D.C.

A WWII veteran and noted world traveler, Barker and his wife, Beverly, reside in Akron.

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UA STAFF



**MARILYN
BOWMAN**
HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER

Marilyn Bowman is now in her 12th year at The University of Akron and her fifth year as the head trainer. Holding primary responsibility for providing health and injury care for the more than 350 student-athletes, Bowman and her staff provide coverage at all practices and home and away events. She is also the curriculum director of the athletic training program and teaches at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

A native of Washington state, she received her B.S. and M.S. degrees from Akron, and is both nationally certified and state licensed to practice athletic training.



**BRETT
DRAPE**

ATHLETIC TRAINER-FOOTBALL

Now in his sixth year with the UA athletic program, Brett Draper is entering his third year as the Akron head football trainer, and is also responsible for teaching and overseeing student trainers. Prior to Akron, he spent three and one-half years with Wellington Sports Medicine and Cincinnati Reading High School, and the 1987 football season with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Draper received his undergraduate degree from Ball State University in 1987 and his M.Ed. from The University Cincinnati in 1990.

Brett and his wife Nadine live in Akron with their son, Dylan, age three.



**JEFF
BREWER**

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Jeff Brewer enters his third year as SID after having served as an assistant SID at Penn State for seven-plus years. He is responsible for directing all areas of UA sports information. Brewer served as the SID at West Chester University for nearly two years and two years as the SID/assistant PR director at North Central College in Illinois.

A native of Tunkhannock, Pa., he received his B.S. from Penn State in 1982, and his MBA from Southwest Missouri State in '85.

Brewer and his wife, Andrea, live in Green with their children, Julia age nine, and Richard age six.



**RICH
EROSHEVICH**

ATHLETIC TRAINER

Rich Ehroshevich is entering his fourth year with the Zips' athletic program. He previously worked as a graduate assistant football trainer at UA for two years and as a student trainer for four years while completing his undergraduate degree. In addition to his other duties, he teaches and oversees the work of student trainers.

Eroshevich received his B.S. in athletic training in 1994 and his M.S. in exercise physiology in 1995, both from The University of Akron.

A native of Steubenville, Eroshevich and his wife, Tricia, live in Akron.



**RIKO
CHUNG**

*DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC/
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES*

Riko Chung is completing his second full year at UA as the director of athletic and recreational facilities. He served two years as facilities and operations assistant at the University of Florida, and as a sector coordinator for the Atlanta Olympic Committee. His responsibilities include overseeing the scheduling and maintenance of all UA athletic facilities including the Rubber Bowl, JAR Arena, Jackson Field and Buchtel Field.

He received his B.S. in sports management from Tulane University in 1992. Chung, his wife, Gifty, and their newborn daughter, Serai, reside in Springfield Twp.



**MARY LU
GRIBSCHAW**
ACADEMIC ADVISING

Mary Lu Gribschaw is now in her fourth year as the academic adviser for student-athletes at Akron. Her responsibilities include planning and scheduling academic programs, monitoring the athletes' progress toward degrees and coordinating academic support services.

Gribschaw served at Old Dominion where she was Asst. to the V.P. for Student Services and at Commonwealth College in Norfolk where she was Dean of Student Services.

A native of Pittsburgh, she received her B.S. in 1984 from Robert Morris and her M.S. in Education from Old Dominion in 1993. She and her husband, Ken, reside in Akron.



UA STAFF



MIKE RODRIGUEZ
BUSINESS MANAGER

Finishing his 11th year at Akron is Mike Rodriguez. He came to Akron in 1987 as the athletic ticket manager and was elevated to his current position in January, 1992. His duties include department fiscal matters, team travel, and game management for football and men's basketball games.

Rodriguez earned his degree in business administration from Cleveland State in 1982, and his M.S. in sports administration from Ohio in 1983.

He and his wife, Tracy, reside in Sagamore Hills with children Megan, age 11, Rachel, age nine and Alex, age three.



DR. HERB THOMPSON
TEAM PHYSICIAN

Starting his 26th year as a team physician for the Zips is Dr. Herb Thompson. A graduate of The University of Kentucky, Thompson earned his M.D. from The University of West Virginia School of Medicine. After two years in the U.S. Army, he came to Akron and joined fellow team physician Dr. George Mallo at the Summit Orthopedic Group.

As team physicians, Thompson and Mallo work closely with the UA training staff, assisting with serious injuries, performing surgery and making the decision concerning an injured player's return to action.



RICH RUMSEY
ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT

Rich Rumsey is in the midst of his second year as the director of athletic development at UA and the Zip Athletic Club. He is responsible for securing contributions from alumni, friends, and the business sector for the ZAC, scholarships, endowments, and capital projects. He served four years as the director of athletic development at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y.

Rumsey received his B.S. from the State University of New York at Oneonta, and his M.S. from Springfield (Mass.) College. Rumsey and his newlywed wife, Cindy, reside in West Akron.



GERALD YEARWOOD
LIFE SKILLS COORDINATOR

Closing out his second year at Akron is Gerald Yearwood. In addition to serving as an academic advisor for the student athletes, Yearwood is also the coordinator for UA's NCAA Life Skills Program.

Prior to coming to Akron, Yearwood was an academic mentor/advisor in student athlete academic support services at Syracuse University, and the Chief of Addiction Services/Alcoholism Services at the Syracuse Community Health Center.

He received his B.A. in sociology from St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, N.C., in 1974, and his M.S. Ed. in Higher Education Administration from Syracuse in 1996.



AMY SYMONS
ASSISTANT TO THE SID

Entering her third year at UA is Amy Symons. She came to Akron with a wealth of experience in the field having previously served internships at Minnesota, Florida, Pittsburgh, and with the Pittsburgh Penguins. She was also a press operations volunteer at the equestrian venue at the Atlanta Olympic Games and assists at the NCAA Track and Field Championships.

Symons is responsible for assisting in all areas of the sports information department.

A native of Pittsburgh, Symons received her B.A. from DePauw University in 1993.

She is single and resides in Akron.



Kathy Bramley
Director's Office



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Basketball Office



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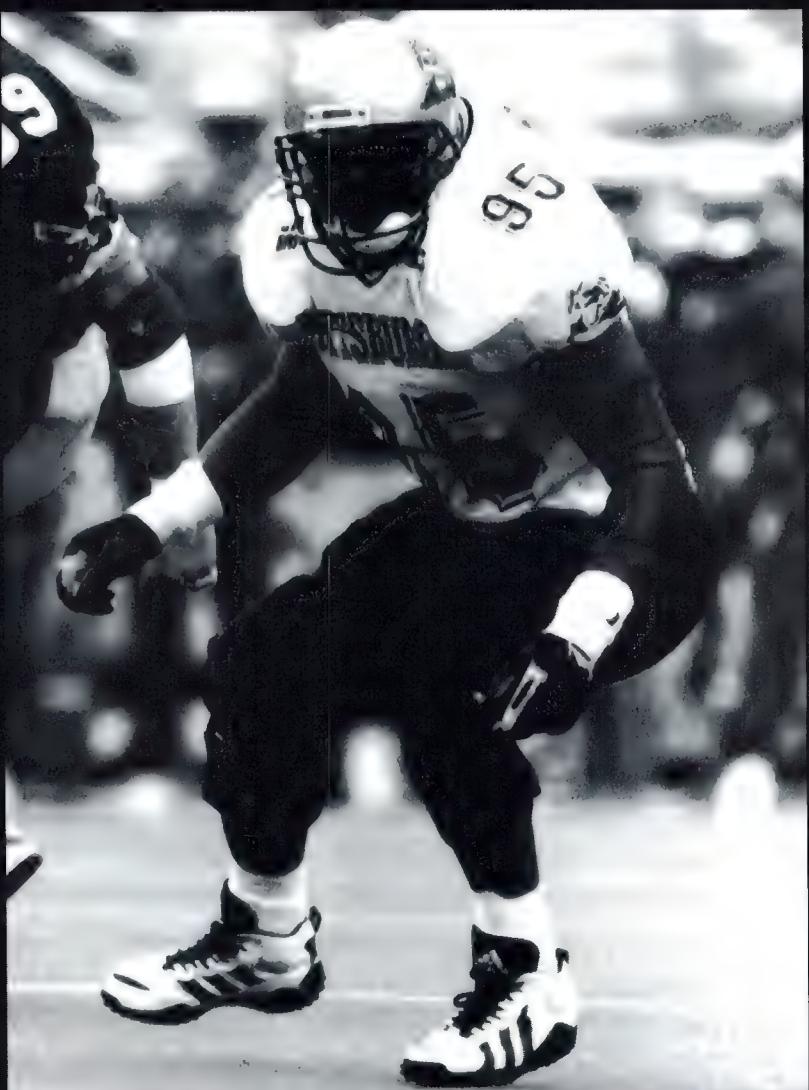


Debra Graves
Ath. Business Office



Nancy Stott
Football Office

FIREOS

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**Pittsburgh
linebacker
Phil Clarke was
second-team
All-Big East
last fall.**

Opponents

A**MARSHALL****A**

Location: Huntington, W. Va.
Enrollment: 16,000
Stadium (capacity): Marshall University Stadium (30,000)

A

Playing surface: Artificial turf
Colors: Green and White
Nickname: Thundering Herd
President: Dr. J. Wade Gilley
Athletic Director: Lance West
Office phone: (304) 696-5408
Head Coach: Bob Pruitt
Office phone: (304) 696-6464

A

Record at school & year: 25-3 (2 years)
Overall record & year: 25-3 (2 years)

A

Conference: Mid-American
'97 conference record/finish: 7-1/1st
 MAC East

A

'97 overall record: 10-3
Starters returning-offense: 7
Starters returning-defense: 5

A

Lettermen returning/lost: 44/17
Top returnees: QB Chad Pennington, FS

Rogers Beckett, WR LaVorn Colclough, RB Doug Chapman, LB John Grace, NG Ricky Hall.

OPPONENTS

Basic Offense: Pro set

Basic Defense: 4-3

SID: Clark Haptonstall
Office phone: (304) 696-5275

Home phone: (304) 697-2410

Press box phone: (304) 696-6666

Fax number: (304) 696-2325

Series record vs. Akron: 4-2

1998 Schedule

| | |
|-------|---------------------|
| 9-5 | at Akron |
| 9-12 | TROY STATE |
| 9-19 | at South Carolina |
| 9-26 | at Eastern Michigan |
| 10-3 | MIAMI |
| 10-10 | at Ohio |
| 10-17 | KENT |
| 10-24 | BALL STATE |
| 10-31 | at Bowling Green |
| 11-7 | CENTRAL MICHIGAN |
| 11-21 | WOFFORD |

1997 Results (10-3, 7-1 MAC)

| | | |
|---|---|-------|
| at West Virginia | L | 31-42 |
| at Army | W | 35-25 |
| at Kent | W | 42-17 |
| WESTERN ILLINOIS | W | 48-7 |
| at Ball State | W | 42-16 |
| AKRON | W | 52-17 |
| at Miami | L | 21-45 |
| EASTERN MICHIGAN | W | 48-25 |
| at Central Michigan | W | 45-17 |
| BOWLING GREEN | W | 28-0 |
| OHIO | W | 27-0 |
| <i>(Mid-American Championship Game)</i> | | |
| TOLEDO | W | 34-14 |
| <i>(Motor City Bowl)</i> | | |
| Mississippi (at Pontiac) | L | 31-34 |

TEMPLE**A**

Location: Philadelphia, Pa.
Enrollment: 30,000
Stadium (capacity): Veterans Stadium (66,592)

A

Playing surface: Artificial turf
Colors: Cherry and White
Nickname: Owls
President: Peter J. Liacouras
Athletic Director: Dave O'Brien
Office phone: (215) 204-7770

A

Head Coach: Bobby Wallace
Office phone: (215) 204-7441

A

Record at school & year: 0-0 (first)
Overall record & year: 82-36-1 (10 years)

A

Conference: Big East
'97 conference record/finish: 3-4/t-5th
'97 overall record: 3-8

A

Starters returning-offense: 7
Starters returning-defense: 6
Lettermen returning/lost: 44/18

A

Top returnees: CB Lamond Adams, G Konrad Dean, T Tim Leach, C Charlie Morris, S Jerry Urias, LB Kenyatta Williamson.

Basic Offense: Slot I

Basic Defense: 4-3

Football SID: Kevin Lorincz
Office phone: (215) 204-7445

Home phone: (609) 464-9886

Press box phone: (215) 271-1015

Fax number: (215) 204-7499

Series record vs. Akron: 9-5

1998 Schedule

| | |
|-------|-------------------|
| 9-5 | at Toledo |
| 9-12 | AKRON |
| 9-19 | at Boston College |
| 9-26 | at Maryland |
| 10-3 | WILLIAM & MARY |
| 10-10 | WEST VIRGINIA |
| 10-17 | at Virginia Tech |
| 10-31 | at Rutgers |
| 11-7 | at Pittsburgh |
| 11-14 | MIAMI (FL.) |
| 11-21 | SYRACUSE |

1997 Results (3-8, 3-4 Big East)

| | | |
|---------------------|---|-------|
| at Western Michigan | L | 14-34 |
| BOSTON COLLEGE | W | 28-21 |
| at Penn State | L | 10-52 |
| VIRGINIA TECH | L | 13-23 |
| MARYLAND | L | 21-24 |
| PITTSBURGH | W | 17-13 |
| at Syracuse | L | 7-60 |
| at Miami (Fl.) | L | 15-47 |
| RUTGERS | W | 49-7 |
| at Navy | L | 17-49 |
| at West Virginia | L | 21-41 |

BALL STATE**A**

Location: Muncie, Ind.

Enrollment: 18,528

Stadium (capacity): Ball State Stadium (21,581)

Playing surface: Natural Grass

Colors: Cardinal and White

Nickname: Cardinals

President: Dr. John Worthen

Athletic Director: Andrea Seger

Office phone: (765) 285-1671

Head Coach: Bill Lynch

Office phone: (765) 285-8251

Record at school & year: 20-14 (3 years)

Overall record & year: 56-26-3 (8 years)

Conference: Mid-American

'97 conference record & finish: 4-4/3rd
 MAC West

'97 overall record: 5-6

Starters returning-offense: 8

Starters returning-defense: 4

Lettermen returning/lost: 37/11

Top returnees: TE Dane Wheeler, DT Damon Hummel, RB LeAndre Moore, WR Adrian Reese.

Basic Offense: Multiple I

Basic Defense: 4-3

SID: Joe Hernandez

Office phone: (765) 285-8242

Home phone: (765) 289-7919

Press box phone: (765) 285-5381

Fax number: (765) 285-8929

Series record vs. Akron: 6-7-1

1998 Schedule

| | |
|-------|---------------------|
| 9-5 | at South Carolina |
| 9-12 | EASTERN MICHIGAN |
| 9-19 | at Iowa State |
| 9-26 | at Akron |
| 10-3 | NORTHERN ILLINOIS |
| 10-10 | at Toledo |
| 10-17 | MIAMI |
| 10-24 | at Marshall |
| 11-7 | WESTERN MICHIGAN |
| 11-14 | at Central Florida |
| 11-21 | at Central Michigan |

1997 Results (5-6, 4-4 MAC)

| | | |
|----------------------|---|-------|
| at Miami | L | 10-27 |
| JAMES MADISON | W | 24-6 |
| at Indiana | L | 6-33 |
| at Purdue | L | 14-28 |
| MARSHALL | L | 16-42 |
| at Western Michigan | L | 13-21 |
| at Eastern Michigan | L | 32-38 |
| CENTRAL MICHIGAN | W | 37-34 |
| at Northern Illinois | W | 21-14 |
| AKRON | W | 31-14 |
| TOLEDO | W | 35-3 |

PITTSBURGH

Location: Pittsburgh, Pa.
Enrollment: 32,107
Stadium (capacity): Pitt Stadium (56,150)
Playing surface: Artificial turf
Colors: Blue and Gold
Nickname: Panthers
President: Mark A. Nordenberg
Athletic Director: Steven C. Pederson
Office phone: (412) 648-8230
Head Coach: Walt Harris
Office phone: (412) 648-8700
Record at school & year: 6-6 (1 year)
Overall record & year: 17-30 (4 years)
Conference: Big East
'97 conference record/finish: 4-3
'97 overall record: 6-6
Starters returning-offense: 6
Starters returning-defense: 6
Lettermen returning/lost: 37/20
Top returnees: LB Phil Clarke, WR Terry Murphy, CB D.J. Dinkins, RB Hank Poteat

Basic Offense: Pro Offense
Basic Defense: Multiple 4-3
SID: E.J. Borghetti
Office phone: (412) 648-8240
Home phone: (412) 363-3452
Press box phone: (412) 648-9172
Fax number: (412) 648-8248
Series record vs. Akron: 1-0

1998 Schedule

| | |
|-------|-------------------|
| 9-5 | VILLANOVA |
| 9-19 | PENN STATE |
| 9-26 | at Virginia Tech |
| 10-3 | AKRON |
| 10-10 | at North Carolina |
| 10-17 | RUTGERS |
| 10-31 | at Syracuse |
| 11-7 | TEMPLE |
| 11-14 | BOSTON COLLEGE |
| 11-19 | at Miami (Fl.) |
| 11-27 | WEST VIRGINIA |

1997 Results (6-6, 4-3 Big East)

| | | |
|----------------------------|---|-----------|
| SW LOUISIANA | W | 45-13 |
| at Penn State | L | 17-34 |
| at Houston | W | 35-24 |
| MIAMI (FL) | W | 21-17 |
| at Temple | L | 13-17 |
| NOTRE DAME | L | 21-45 |
| at Rutgers | W | 55-48 2OT |
| at Boston College | L | 21-22 |
| SYRACUSE | L | 27-35 |
| VIRGINIA TECH | W | 30-23 |
| at West Virginia | W | 41-38 3OT |
| <i>(Liberty Bowl)</i> | | |
| S.Mississippi (at Memphis) | L | 7-41 |

KENT

Location: Kent, Ohio
Enrollment: 30,242
Stadium (capacity): Dix Stadium (30,520)
Playing surface: Artificial turf
Colors: Navy Blue and Gold
Nickname: Golden Flashes
President: Dr. Carol A. Cartwright
Athletic Director: Laing Kennedy
Office phone: (330) 672-3120
Head Coach: Dean Pees
Office phone: (330) 672-3350
Record at school & year: 0-0 (first)
Overall record & year: 0-0 (first)
Conference: Mid-American
'97 conference record/finish: 3-5/t-4th MAC East
'97 overall record: 3-8
Starters returning-offense: 5
Starters returning-defense: 7
Lettermen returning/lost: 34/20
Top returnees: WR Eugene Baker, RB Charles Chatman, QB Jose Davis, DE Brad Hartman, CB Wayne Shaw, LB Curtis Witherspoon

Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: 4-3
SID: Dale A. Gallagher
Office phone: (330) 672-2110
Home phone: (330) 686-0517
Press box phone: (330) 672-2036
Fax number: (330) 672-2112
Series record vs. Akron: 18-20-1

1998 Schedule

| | |
|-------|---------------------|
| 9-5 | at Georgia |
| 9-12 | YOUNGSTOWN STATE |
| 9-19 | at Navy |
| 9-26 | at Central Michigan |
| 10-3 | EASTERN MICHIGAN |
| 10-10 | AKRON |
| 10-17 | at Marshall |
| 10-24 | at Bowling Green |
| 10-31 | WESTERN MICHIGAN |
| 11-14 | at Miami |
| 11-21 | OHIO |

1997 Results (3-8, 3-5 MAC)

| | | |
|---------------------|---|-------|
| at Ohio | L | 7-31 |
| at Youngstown State | L | 23-44 |
| MARSHALL | L | 17-42 |
| at Eastern Michigan | W | 41-38 |
| CENTRAL FLORIDA | L | 43-59 |
| MIAMI | L | 26-62 |
| at Western Michigan | L | 27-50 |
| CENTRAL MICHIGAN | W | 60-37 |
| BOWLING GREEN | W | 29-20 |
| at Akron | L | 35-45 |
| at Navy | L | 29-62 |

OHIO

Location: Athens, Ohio
Enrollment: 19,143
Stadium (capacity): Peden Stadium (20,000)
Playing surface: Natural grass
Colors: Hunter Green and White
Nickname: Bobcats
President: Dr. Robert Glidden
Athletic Director: Thomas Boeh
Office phone: (614) 593-0983
Head Coach: Jim Grobe
Office phone: (614) 593-1183
Record at school & year: 16-17-1 (3 years)
Overall record & year: 16-17-1 (3 years)
Conference: Mid-American
'96 conference record & finish: 6-2/t-2nd MAC East
'96 overall record: 8-3
Starters returning-offense: 8
Starters returning-defense: 7
Lettermen returning/lost: 44/12
Top returnees: QB Kareem Wilson, FB Steve Hookfin, OG Mike Solominsky, LB Tom Carder, LB Rahim Slaise.

Basic Offense: Pro-I
Basic Defense: 3-4
SID: George Mauzy, Jr.
Office phone: (614) 593-1298
Home phone: (614) 797-3882
Press box phone: (614) 593-0501
Fax number: (614) 593-2420
Series record vs. Akron: 8-5-1

1998 Schedule

| | |
|-------|-------------------------|
| 9-3 | at North Carolina State |
| 9-12 | at Wisconsin |
| 9-19 | EAST CAROLINA |
| 9-26 | at Western Michigan |
| 10-3 | at Bowling Green |
| 10-10 | MARSHALL |
| 10-17 | AKRON |
| 10-31 | at Miami |
| 11-7 | EASTERN MICHIGAN |
| 11-14 | NORTHERN ILLINOIS |
| 11-21 | at Kent |

1997 Results (8-3, 6-2 MAC)

| | | |
|----------------------|---|-------|
| KENT | W | 31-7 |
| at Maryland | W | 21-14 |
| at Kansas State | L | 20-23 |
| BUFFALO | W | 50-0 |
| WESTERN MICHIGAN | W | 31-7 |
| at Eastern Michigan | W | 47-7 |
| BOWLING GREEN | W | 24-0 |
| at Akron | W | 21-17 |
| at Northern Illinois | W | 35-30 |
| MIAMI | L | 21-45 |
| at Marshall | L | 0-27 |

OPPONENTS



TOLEDO

Location: Toledo, Ohio
Enrollment: 21,692
Stadium (capacity): Glass Bowl (26,248)
Playing surface: AstroTurf
Colors: Midnight Blue and Gold
Nickname: Rockets
President: Dr. Frank E. Horton
Athletic Director: Pete Liske
Office phone: (419) 530-4987
Head Coach: Gary Pinkel
Office phone: (419) 530-3612
Record at school & year: 50-26-3 (7 years)
Overall record & year: 50-26-3 (7 years)
Conference: Mid-American
'97 conference record & finish: 7-1/1st
MAC West
'97 overall record: 9-3
Starters returning-offense: 10
Starters returning-defense: 5
Lettermen returning/lost: 36/15
Top returnees: RB Dwayne Harris, WR Brock Kreitzburg, QB Chris Wallace, TE Mike Bilik, T Colin Westrich.

Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: Multiple 4-4
SID: Paul Helgren
Office phone: (419) 530-3790
Home phone: (419) 536-7620
Press box phone: (419) 530-3732
Fax number: (419) 530-3795
Series record vs. Akron: 6-7

1998 Schedule

| | |
|-------|----------------------|
| 9-5 | TEMPLE |
| 9-12 | at Ohio State |
| 9-19 | WESTERN MICHIGAN |
| 9-26 | at Miami |
| 10-3 | CENTRAL FLORIDA |
| 10-10 | BALL STATE |
| 10-17 | BOWLING GREEN |
| 10-24 | at Akron |
| 10-31 | at Northern Illinois |
| 11-14 | CENTRAL MICHIGAN |
| 11-21 | at Eastern Michigan |

1997 Results (9-3, 7-1 MAC)

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|
| PURDUE | W | 36-22 |
| EASTERN MICHIGAN | W | 38-35 |
| at Western Michigan | W | 23-13 |
| NEVADA | W | 31-13 |
| at Central Michigan | W | 41-10 |
| NORTHERN ILLINOIS | W | 41-14 |
| at Bowling Green | W | 35-20 |
| MIAMI | W | 35-28 |
| at Ball State | L | 3-35 |
| AKRON | W | 42-10 |
| at Central Florida | L | 17-34 |
| (Mid-American Championship Game) | | |
| at Marshall | L | 14-34 |

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Location: Mount Pleasant, Mich.
Enrollment: 16,613
Stadium (capacity): Kelly/Shorts (30,087)
Playing surface: AstroTurf
Colors: Maroon and Gold
Nickname: Chippewas
President: Leonard Plachta
Athletic Director: Herb Deromedis
Office phone: (517) 774-3046
Head Coach: Dick Flynn
Office phone: (517) 774-3896
Record at school & year: 20-25 (4 years)
Overall record & year: 20-25 (4 years)
Conference: Mid-American
'97 conference record/finish: 1-7/5th
MAC West
'97 overall record: 2-9
Starters returning-offense: 7
Starters returning-defense: 9
Lettermen returning/lost: 45/17
Top returnees: DT Jon McCall, WR Reggie Allen, RB Silas Massey, WR Bryan Schormann, LB Jason Gold, LB Jeremy Gold.

Basic Offense: Variable I
Basic Defense: 4-3
SID: Fred Stablye, Jr.
Office phone: (517) 774-3277
Home phone: (517) 773-2591
Press box phone: (517) 774-3579 or 3594
Fax number: (517) 774-7324
Series record vs. Akron: 6-8-1

1998 Schedule

| | |
|-------|----------------------|
| 9-5 | at Iowa |
| 9-12 | WESTERN ILLINOIS |
| 9-26 | KENT |
| 10-3 | at Michigan State |
| 10-10 | at Eastern Michigan |
| 10-17 | at Northern Illinois |
| 10-24 | WESTERN MICHIGAN |
| 10-31 | AKRON |
| 11-7 | at Marshall |
| 11-14 | at Toledo |
| 11-21 | BALL STATE |

1997 Results (2-9, 1-8 MAC)

| | | |
|---------------------|---|-------|
| NORTHERN ILLINOIS | W | 44-10 |
| at Florida | L | 6-82 |
| BOISE | W | 44-26 |
| at Louisiana Tech | L | 28-56 |
| EASTERN MICHIGAN | L | 24-31 |
| at Akron | L | 14-53 |
| TOLEDO | L | 10-41 |
| at Ball State | L | 34-37 |
| at Kent | L | 37-60 |
| MARSHALL | L | 17-45 |
| at Western Michigan | L | 24-38 |

BOWLING GREEN

Location: Bowling Green, Ohio
Enrollment: 16,900
Stadium (capacity): Perry Stadium (30,599)
Playing surface: Natural grass
Colors: Orange and Brown
Nickname: Falcons
President: Dr. Sidney Ribeau
Athletic Director: Dr. Ron Zwierlein
Office phone: (419) 372-2401
Head Coach: Gary Blackney
Office phone: (419) 372-7083
Record at school & year: 48-29-2 (7 years)
Overall record & year: 48-29-2 (7 years)
Conference: Mid-American
'97 conference record/finish: 3-5/t4th
MAC East
'97 overall record: 3-8
Starters returning-offense: 7
Starters returning-defense: 7
Lettermen returning/lost: 28/18
Top returnees: QB Bob Niemet, LB Joe O'Neill, NG Dan King, CB Junior Williams, OT Chad McCrathy, RB Robbie Hollis.
Basic Offense: Pro I
Basic Defense: 4-3
SID: Steve Barr
Office phone: (419) 372-7076
Home phone: (419) 352-0079
Press box phone: (419) 372-2069
Fax number: (419) 372-6015
Series record vs. Akron: 6-3

1998 Schedule

| | |
|-------|----------------------|
| 9-5 | at Missouri |
| 9-12 | at Penn State |
| 9-26 | CENTRAL FLORIDA |
| 10-3 | OHIO |
| 10-10 | at Miami |
| 10-17 | at Toledo |
| 10-24 | KENT |
| 10-31 | MARSHALL |
| 11-7 | AKRON |
| 11-14 | at Western Michigan |
| 11-21 | at Northern Illinois |

1997 Results (3-8 3-5 MAC)

| | | |
|-------------------|---|-------|
| at Louisiana Tech | L | 23-30 |
| MIAMI | W | 28-21 |
| at Ohio State | L | 13-44 |
| at Akron | W | 31-28 |
| at Kansas State | L | 0-58 |
| NORTHERN ILLINOIS | W | 35-10 |
| WESTERN MICHIGAN | L | 21-34 |
| at Ohio | L | 0-24 |
| TOLEDO | L | 20-35 |
| at Kent | L | 20-29 |
| at Marshall | L | 0-28 |

EASTERN MICHIGAN

Location: Ypsilanti, Mich.
Enrollment: 23,000
Stadium (capacity): Rynearson Stadium (30,200)
Playing surface: AstroTurf
Colors: Dark Green and White
Nickname: Eagles
President: Dr. William E. Shelton
Interim Athletic Director: Carole Huston
Office phone: (734) 487-1050
Head Coach: Rick Rasnick
Office phone: (734) 487-2160
Record at school & year: 13-20 (3 years)
Overall record & year: 13-20 (3 years)
Conference: Mid-American
'97 conference record & finish: 3-5/4th MAC West
'97 overall record: 4-7
Starters returning-offense: 4
Starters returning-defense: 3
Lettermen returning/lost: 31/28
Top returnees: WR Ta-if Kumasi, QB Walt Church, T L.J. Shelton, DE Troy Campbell, LB Clifton Robinson, FS Phil Franklin.
Basic Offense: Multiple
Basic Defense: Multiple
SID: Jim Streeter
Office phone: (734) 487-0317
Home phone: (734) 485-3221
Press box phone: (734) 481-0014 or 0072
Fax number: (734) 485-3840
Series record vs. Akron: 9-12

1998 Schedule

| | |
|-------|---------------------|
| 9-3 | NORTHERN IOWA |
| 9-12 | at Ball State |
| 9-19 | at Michigan |
| 9-26 | MARSHALL |
| 10-3 | at Kent |
| 10-10 | CENTRAL MICHIGAN |
| 10-17 | at Western Michigan |
| 10-24 | NORTHERN ILLINOIS |
| 11-7 | at Ohio |
| 11-14 | at Akron |
| 11-21 | TOLEDO |

1997 Results (4-7, 3-5 MAC)

| | | |
|----------------------|---|-------|
| at Missouri | L | 24-44 |
| at Toledo | L | 35-38 |
| KENT | L | 38-41 |
| at Central Michigan | W | 31-24 |
| OHIO | L | 7-47 |
| BALL STATE | W | 38-32 |
| AKRON | W | 45-0 |
| at Marshall | L | 25-48 |
| WESTERN MICHIGAN | L | 38-41 |
| at Northern Illinois | W | 38-10 |
| at Central Florida | L | 10-27 |

MIAMI

Location: Oxford, Ohio
Enrollment: 16,000

Stadium (capacity): Yager Stadium (30,012)

Playing surface: Natural grass

Colors: Red and White

Nickname: RedHawks

President: James Garland

Athletic Director: Joel Maturi

Office phone: (513) 529-3113

Head Coach: Randy Walker

Office phone: (513) 529-3319

Record at school & year: 49-34-5 (8 years)

Overall record & year: 49-34-5 (8 years)

Conference: Mid-American

'97 conference record/finish: 6-2/t2nd MAC East

'97 overall record: 8-3

Starters returning-offense: 5

Starters returning-defense: 6

Lettermen returning/lost: 38/21

Top returnees: LB JoJuan Armour, RB Travis Prentice, LB Dustin Cohen, WR Trevor Gaylor, WR Jay Hall, SS Paris Johnson.

Basic Offense: Multiple

Basic Defense: 4-3

SID: Mike Wolf

Office phone: (513) 529-4327

Home phone: (513) 523-6441

Press box phone: (513) 529-7261

Fax number: (513) 529-6729

Series record vs. Akron: 5-3-1

1998 Schedule

| | |
|-------|----------------------|
| 9-5 | at North Carolina |
| 9-12 | at Army |
| 9-26 | TOLEDO |
| 10-3 | at Marshall |
| 10-10 | BOWLING GREEN |
| 10-17 | at Ball State |
| 10-24 | at Cincinnati |
| 10-31 | OHIO |
| 11-7 | at Northern Illinois |
| 11-14 | KENT |
| 11-21 | at Akron |

1997 Results (8-3, 6-2 MAC)

| | | |
|-------------------|---|-----------|
| BALL STATE | W | 27-10 |
| at Bowling Green | L | 21-28 |
| AKRON | W | 49-20 |
| at Army | W | 38-14 |
| at Virginia Tech | W | 24-17 |
| at Kent | W | 62-26 |
| MARSHALL | W | 45-21 |
| CINCINNATI | L | 31-34 2OT |
| at Toledo | L | 28-35 |
| at Ohio | W | 45-21 |
| NORTHERN ILLINOIS | W | 42-0 |

MAC Series Scores

| | vs. Toledo (7-6) |
|------|---------------------|
| 1923 | 10-3 W |
| 1924 | 14-7 W |
| 1929 | 26-0 W |
| 1930 | 41-0 W |
| 1974 | 17-7 L |
| 1975 | 20-8 W |
| 1976 | 13-0 L |
| 1977 | 28-7 W |
| 1982 | 12-10 L |
| 1997 | 52-17 L |

| | vs. Ball State (7-6-1) |
|------|---------------------------|
| 1964 | 25-15 W |
| 1965 | 16-14 L |
| 1969 | 49-9 W |
| 1970 | 31-0 W |
| 1971 | 10-7 W |
| 1972 | 21-21 T |
| 1973 | 16-14 L |
| 1974 | 26-21 W |
| 1975 | 17-14 L |
| 1976 | 3-0 W |
| 1992 | 22-14 W |
| 1993 | 31-9 L |
| 1994 | 38-28 L |
| 1997 | 31-14 L |

| | vs. C. Michigan (8-6-1) |
|------|----------------------------|
| 1969 | 9-6 W |
| 1970 | 35-19 W |
| 1971 | 10-7 L |
| 1972 | 14-10 W |
| 1977 | 17-14 L |
| 1988 | 27-16 L |
| 1989 | 27-26 W |
| 1990 | 14-14 T |
| 1991 | 31-29 L |
| 1992 | 31-28 W |
| 1993 | 23-13 W |
| 1994 | 47-0 L |
| 1995 | 16-13 W |
| 1996 | 42-0 L |
| 1997 | 53-14 W |

| | vs. Kent (20-18-2) |
|------|-----------------------|
| 1923 | 32-0 W |
| 1928 | 8-6 W |
| 1929 | 25-0 W |
| 1930 | 12-6 W |
| 1931 | 12-6 W |
| 1932 | 0-0 T |
| 1933 | 19-6 W |
| 1934 | 26-0 W |
| 1935 | 3-0 W |
| 1936 | 6-0 W |
| 1940 | 23-7 W |
| 1941 | 41-13 W |
| 1942 | 23-6 L |
| 1946 | 13-6 L |
| 1947 | 6-0 L |
| 1948 | 31-0 L |
| 1949 | 47-0 L |
| 1950 | 19-7 L |
| 1951 | 48-7 L |
| 1952 | 34-14 L |
| 1953 | 54-19 L |
| 1954 | 58-18 L |
| 1972 | 13-13 T |
| 1974 | 51-14 L |
| 1979 | 15-13 W |
| 1981 | 17-6 L |
| 1983 | 13-6 W |
| 1984 | 24-17 L |
| 1985 | 24-0 W |
| 1986 | 17-7 W |
| 1987 | 27-23 L |
| 1988 | 32-12 L |
| 1989 | 40-7 W |
| 1990 | 38-10 W |
| 1992 | 20-16 L |
| 1993 | 42-7 W |
| 1994 | 32-16 L |
| 1995 | 14-6 W |
| 1996 | 32-17 L |
| 1997 | 45-35 W |

| | vs. Bowling Green (3-6) |
|------|----------------------------|
| 1941 | 8-0 W |
| 1945 | 16-13 W |
| 1996 | 42-0 L |
| 1997 | 53-14 W |

| | vs. E. Michigan (12-9) |
|------|---------------------------|
| 1949 | 20-6 W |
| 1950 | 40-7 W |
| 1968 | 16-7 L |
| 1969 | 10-3 L |
| 1976 | 36-0 W |
| 1977 | 42-28 L |
| 1978 | 25-14 L |
| 1979 | 24-12 W |
| 1980 | 21-10 W |
| 1981 | 14-7 W |
| 1982 | 14-7 W |
| 1983 | 13-0 W |
| 1985 | 16-12 W |
| 1986 | 24-21 L |
| 1989 | 17-16 W |
| 1992 | 27-9 W |
| 1993 | 19-7 W |
| 1994 | 42-18 L |
| 1995 | 49-29 L |
| 1996 | 20-17 L |
| 1997 | 45-0 L |

| | vs. Miami (3-5-1) |
|------|----------------------|
| 1915 | 23-6 L |
| 1922 | 20-12 L |
| 1923 | 13-13 T |
| 1939 | 14-0 W |
| 1993 | 31-13 W |
| 1994 | 50-14 L |
| 1995 | 65-0 L |
| 1996 | 10-7 W |
| 1997 | 49-20 L |

| | vs. Ohio (5-8-1) |
|------|---------------------|
| 1912 | 27-0 W |
| 1919 | 10-6 W |
| 1920 | 39-0 L |
| 1926 | 3-0 W |
| 1941 | 0-0 T |
| 1942 | 39-0 L |
| 1950 | 28-6 L |
| 1951 | 40-7 L |
| 1992 | 13-0 W |
| 1993 | 21-13 L |
| 1994 | 50-14 L |
| 1995 | 65-0 L |
| 1996 | 10-7 W |
| 1997 | 49-20 L |

| | vs. Miami (3-5-1) |
|------|----------------------|
| 1915 | 23-6 L |
| 1922 | 20-12 L |
| 1923 | 13-13 T |
| 1939 | 14-0 W |
| 1993 | 31-13 W |
| 1994 | 50-14 L |
| 1995 | 65-0 L |
| 1996 | 10-7 W |
| 1997 | 49-20 L |

| | vs. Miami (3-5-1) |
|------|----------------------|
| 1915 | 23-6 L |
| 1922 | 20-12 L |
| 1923 | 13-13 T |
| 1939 | 14-0 W |
| 1993 | 31-13 W |
| 1994 | 50-14 L |
| 1995 | 65-0 L |
| 1996 | 10-7 W |
| 1997 | 49-20 L |

| | vs. Miami (3-5-1) |
|------|----------------------|
| 1915 | 23-6 L |
| 1922 | 20-12 L |
| 1923 | 13-13 T |
| 1939 | 14-0 W |
| 1993 | 31-13 W |
| 1994 | 50-14 L |
| 1995 | 65-0 L |
| 1996 | 10-7 W |
| 1997 | 49-20 L |

| | vs. Miami (3-5-1) |
|------|----------------------|
| 1915 | 23-6 L |
| 1922 | 20-12 L |
| 1923 | 13-13 T |
| 1939 | 14-0 W |
| 1993 | 31-13 W |
| 1994 | 50-14 L |
| 1995 | 65-0 L |
| 1996 | 10-7 W |
| 1997 | 49-20 L |

| | vs. Miami (3-5-1) |
|------|----------------------|
| 1915 | 23-6 L |
| 1922 | 20-12 L |
| 1923 | 13-13 T |
| 1939 | 14-0 W |
| 1993 | 31-13 W |
| 1994 | 50-14 L |
| 1995 | 65-0 L |
| 1996 | 10-7 W |
| 1997 | 49-20 L |

| | vs. Miami (3-5-1) |
|------|----------------------|
| 1915 | 23-6 L |
| 1922 | 20-12 L |
| 1923 | 13-13 T |
| 1939 | 14-0 W |
| 1993 | 31-13 W |
| 1994 | 50-14 L |
| 1995 | 65-0 L |
| 1996 | 10-7 W |
| 1997 | 49-20 L |

| | vs. Miami (3-5-1) |
|------|----------------------|
| 1915 | 23-6 L |
| 1922 | 20-12 L |
| 1923 | 13-13 T |
| 1939 | 14-0 W |
| 1993 | 31-13 W |
| 1994 | 50-14 L |
| 1995 | 65-0 L |
| 1996 | 10-7 W |
| 1997 | 49-20 L |

| | vs. Miami (3-5-1) |
|------|----------------------|
| 1915 | 23-6 L |
| 1922 | 20-12 L |
| 1923 | 13-13 T |
| 1939 | 14-0 W |
| 1993 | 31-13 W |
| 1994 | 50-14 L |
| 1995 | 65-0 L |
| 1996 | 10-7 W |
| 1997 | 49-20 L |

| | vs. Miami (3-5-1) |
|------|----------------------|
| 1915 | 23-6 L |
| 1922 | 20-12 L |
| 1923 | 13-13 T |
| 1939 | 14-0 W |
| 1993 | 31-13 W |
| 1994 | 50-14 L |
| 1995 | 65-0 L |
| 1996 | 10-7 W |
| 1997 | 49-20 L |

| | vs. Miami (3-5-1) |
|------|----------------------|
| 1915 | 23-6 L |
| 1922 | 20-12 L |
| 1923 | 13-13 T |
| 1939 | 14-0 W |
| 1993 | 31-13 W |
| 1994 | 50-14 L |
| 1995 | 65-0 L |
| 1996 | 10-7 W |
| 1997 | 49-20 L |

| | vs. Miami (3-5-1) |
|------|----------------------|
| 1915 | 23-6 L |
| 1922 | 20-12 L |
| 1923 | 13-13 T |
| 1939 | 14-0 W |
| 1993 | 31-13 W |
| 1994 | 50-14 L |
| 1995 | 65-0 L |
| 1996 | 10-7 W |
| 1997 | 49-20 L |

| | vs. Miami (3-5-1) |
|------|----------------------|
| 1915 | 23-6 L |
| 1922 | 20-12 L |
| 1923 | 13-13 T |
| 1939 | 14-0 W |
| 1993 | 31-13 W |
| 1994 | 50-14 L |
| 1995 | 65-0 L |
| 1996 | 10-7 W |
| 1997 | 49-20 L |

| | vs. Miami (3-5-1) |
|------|----------------------|
| 1915 | 23-6 L |
| 1922 | 20-12 L |
| 1923 | 13-13 T |
| 1939 | 14-0 W |
| 1993 | 31-13 W |
| 1994 | 50-14 L |
| 1995 | 65-0 L |
| 1996 | 10-7 W |
| 1997 | 49-20 L |

| | vs. Miami (3-5-1) |
|------|----------------------|
| 1915 | 23-6 L |
| 1922 | 20-12 L |
| 1923 | 13-13 T |
| 1939 | 14-0 W |
| 1993 | 31-13 W |
| 1994 | 50-14 L |
| 1995 | 65-0 L |
| 1996 | 10-7 W |
| 1997 | 49-20 L |

| | vs. Miami (3-5-1) |
|------|----------------------|
| 1915 | 23-6 L |
| 1922 | 20-12 L |
| 1923 | 13-13 T |
| | |

1998 OPPONENTS' COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

| | Sept. 5 | Sept. 12 | Sept. 19 | Sept. 26 | Oct. 3 | Oct. 10 | Oct. 17 | Oct. 24 | Oct. 31 | Nov. 7 | Nov. 14 | Nov. 21 | Nov. 27 |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| MU Herd | at Akron 7:00 | TROY STATE 7:00 | at S.Car. 7:00 | at E.Mich noon | MIAMI HAWKS 7:00 | at Ohio tba | KENT FLASHES 7:00 | BALL STATE noon | at BGSU noon | C. MICH 1:00 | | WOF-FORD 1:00 | |
| Temple Owls | at Toledo 7:00 | AKRON ZIPS 6:00 | at B.Coll. tba | at Maryland tba | WILL. & MARY tba | WEST VIRGINIA tba | at Va.Tech tba | | at Rutgers tba | at Pitt 3:30 | MIAMI 'CANES tba | SYRACUSE tba | |
| Ball State | at S.Car. 7:00 | E. MICH. 1:00 | at Iowa St. 1:00 | at Akron 7:00 | NORTH ILL. 1:00 | at Toledo noon | MIAMI HAWKS noon | at MU Herd noon | | W. MICH. 1:00 | at C. Fla. 4:00 | at C. Mich. 1:00 | |
| Pitt Panthers | VILLA-NOVA 3:30 | | PENN STATE 3:30 | at Va.Tech tba | AKRON ZIPS 3:30 | at UNC tba | RUTGERS 3:30 | | at Syracuse tba | TEMPLE OWLS 3:30 | BOSTON COLL. 3:30 | at Mia. (Fla.) (11/19) 8:00 | WEST VIRGINIA 2:30 |
| Kent Flashes | at Georgia 1:00 | YSU PENGUINS 6:00 | at Navy noon | at C. Mich. 1:00 | E. MICH. 6:00 | AKRON ZIPS noon | at MU Herd 7:00 | at BGSU noon | W. MICH. 2:00 | | at Miami 2:00 | OHIO 'CATS 2:00 | |
| Ohio Bobcats | at N.C. St. 7:30 | at Wisconsin 1:05 | EAST CAR. tba | at W.Mich. 6:30 | MU HERD | AKRON ZIPS 2:00 | | at Miami noon | E. MICH. 1:00 | NORTH ILL. tba | at Kent 2:00 | | |
| UT Rockets | TEMPLE OWLS 7:00 | at Ohio St. 12:30 | W. MICH. 7:00 | at Miami 2:00 | CENT. FLA. 7:00 | BALL STATE noon | BGSU FALCONS 7:00 | at Akron noon | at NIU 11:05 ct | | C. MICH. 2:00 | at E.Mich. 1:00 | |
| Central Michigan | at Iowa 1:00 | Western Illinois 1:00 | | KENT FLASHES 1:00 | at Mich. St 1:00 | at E. Mich. 6:00 | at NIU 11:05 ct | W. MICH. noon | AKRON ZIPS 1:00 | at MU Herd 1:00 | at Toledo 2:00 | BALL STATE 1:00 | |
| BGSU Falcons | at Missouri 6:30 | at Penn St 1:00 | | CENT. FLA. noon | OHIO 'CATS noon | at Miami 2:00 | at Toledo 7:00 | KENT FLASHES noon | MU HERD noon | AKRON ZIPS noon | at W.Mich. 1:00 | at NIU 12:35 | |
| E. Mich. Eagles | N. IOWA (9/3) 6:00 | at Ball St. 1:00 | at Michigan tba | MU HERD noon | at Kent 6:00 | C. MICH. 6:00 | at W.Mich. 1:00 | NORTH ILL. 6:00 | | at Ohio 1:00 | at Akron 1:30 | UT ROCKETS 1:00 | |
| Miami Hawks | at UNC 6:00 | at Army 1:00 | | UT ROCKETS 2:00 | at MU Herd 7:00 | BGSU FALCONS 2:00 | at Ball St. 11:05 ct | at Cincinnati 2:00 | OHIO 'CATS noon | at NIU 12:35 ct | KENT FLASHES 2:00 | at Akron 1:30 | |

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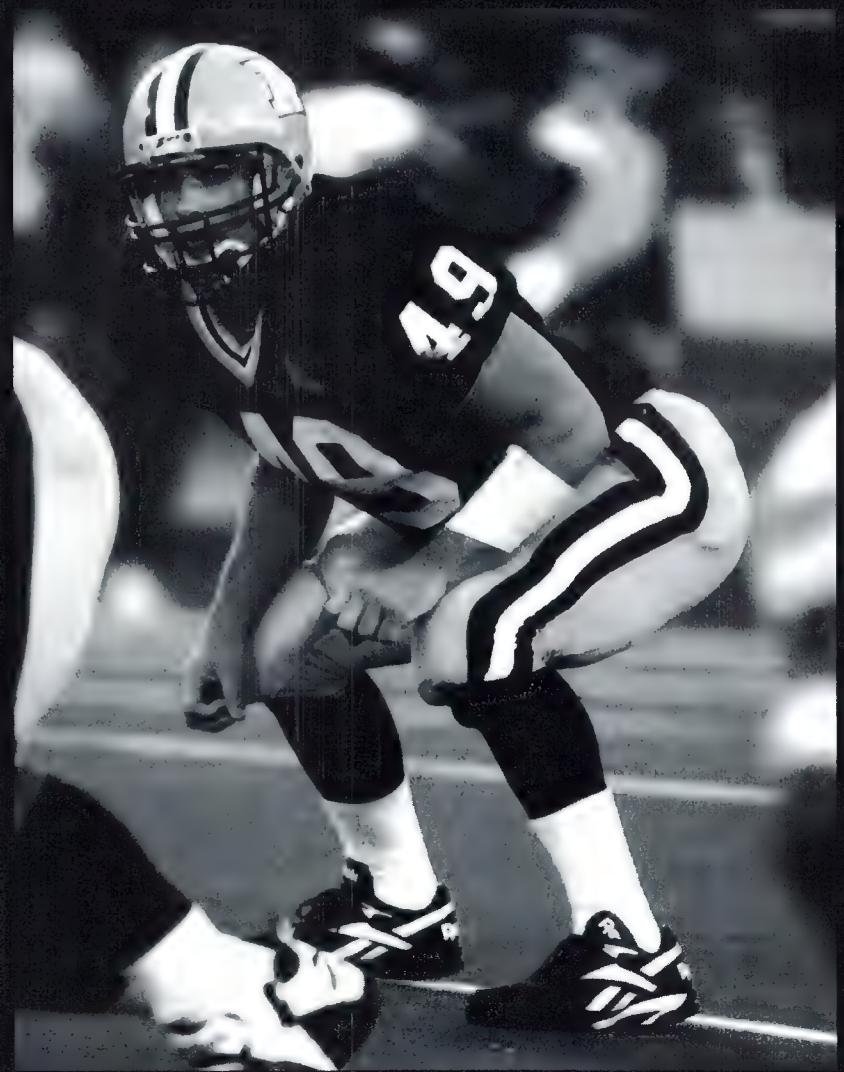


Temple Owl quarterback Kevin Harvey

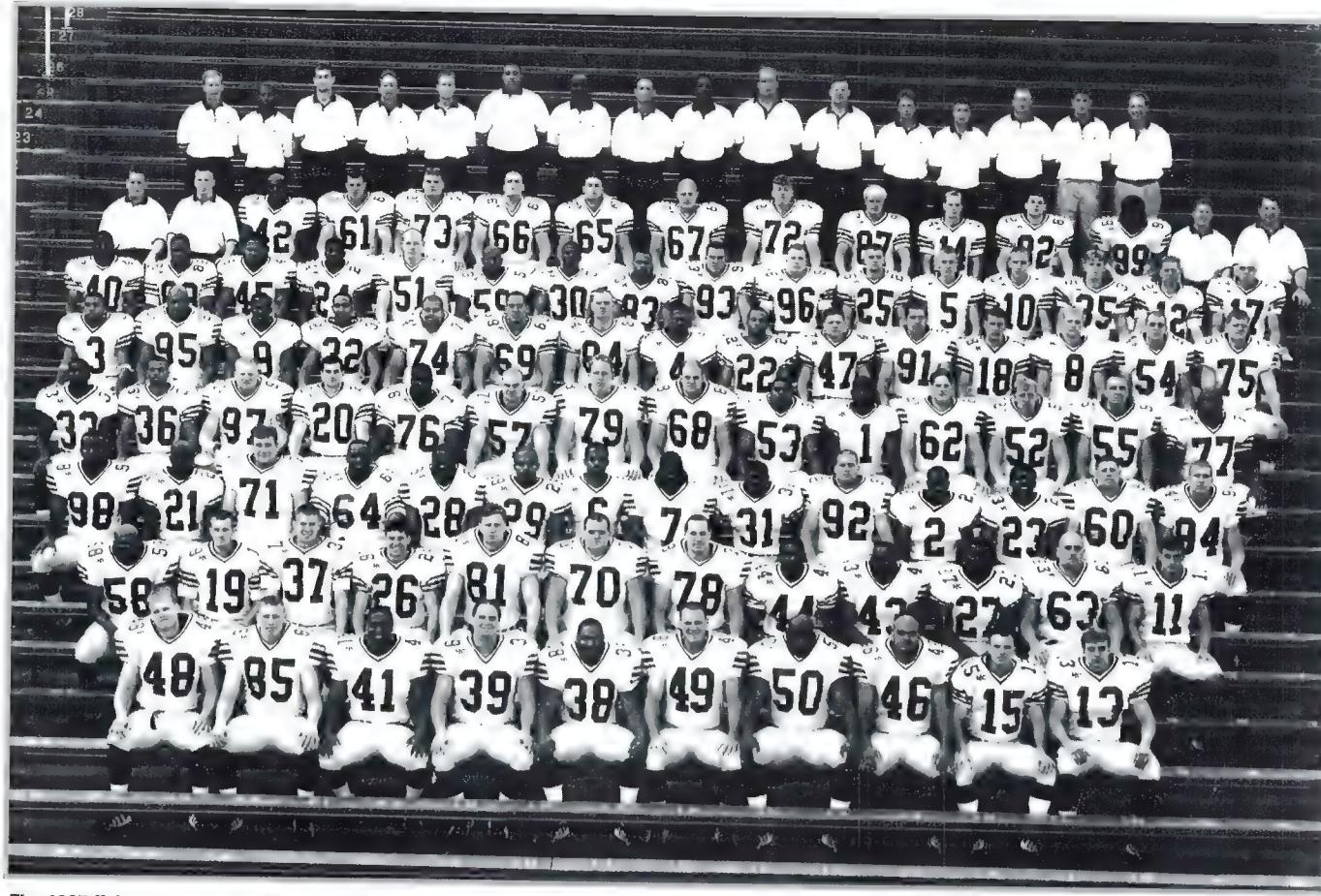
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Nate Boyd
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for the
second
straight year.**



1997 Review



The 1997 University of Akron Zips reclaimed the Wagon Wheel from Kent, but struggled against the toughest schedule in school history.

Head coach Lee Owens' thoughts on 1997:

"We were very disappointed to win just two football games," said Owens. "It was a tale of two teams. We were crazy and competitive at home, but unpredictable and uncertain on the road.

"Offensively, our line blossomed, as we expected it to, and we ran the ball pretty consistently. Our receiving corps developed into a nice unit. We were young at quarterback to begin with, then lost Greg (Gromek) halfway through the season. That consequently resulted in our share of ups and downs at the position.

"Defensively, we tried to get more speed on the field after the loss at LSU (Sept. 27), and true freshman Rich Reliford stepped in and did a nice job. But we were not able to get enough pressure on the quarterback, and our secondary, which lost essentially three starters, struggled to provide consistent coverage. We had trouble

getting people stopped, and it was quite frustrating. In fairness, we were up against some great offensive units...seven of our 11 opponents ranked among the nation's top 30 offenses.

"Our special teams play was inconsistent. Although we didn't give up any kick or punt returns for touchdowns, our field goal percentage and net punt figures were below par. Mike Lagasse was a special teams standout as he jump-started us more than once with a great kickoff return.

"I do believe we have an excellent nucleus of young players," Owens continued. "We took a step back, no doubt about it. But I am confident in the character and work ethic of this team. We'll bounce back. We're closer to being a solid, competitive MAC program than a lot of people might think. I can't wait for next season!"



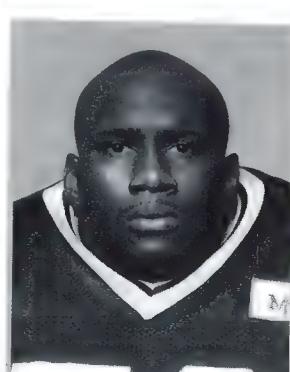
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GAME SUMMARIES

AUG. 30

Nebraska 59, Akron 14
Memorial Stadium, Lincoln, Neb.

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| Zips | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | — | 14 |
| Huskers | 14 | 24 | 14 | 7 | — | 59 |

LINCOLN — The sixth-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers piled up 644 yards of total offense and won comfortably 59-14 over the visiting Akron Zips.

UA held Nebraska on the opening drive of the game, and when the Huskers missed a 38-yard field goal, Akron spirits were lifted. But the Zips went three and out on their first possession, punted the ball back to NU and the Huskers proceeded to score points on their next nine possessions.

Akron suffered only one significant injury — a sprained left ankle for LB Bill Burke.

"Everybody's all worried about us getting banged up and needing doctors and IVs and all kinds of stretchers to get home," Zip coach Lee Owens said. "I didn't notice any extra doctors in there, no stretchers, no IVs going on."

UA put together a 10-play, 82-yard scoring drive in the third quarter, capped by Bo Hunter's 11-yard dash to the corner of the end zone.

And that wasn't all. Freshman Lavel Bailey made a spectacular 69-yard TD catch early in the fourth quarter to silence 75,000 NU fans.

Scoring Summary

NU — Frost 26 run (Brown kick), 6:18
NU — Makovicka 20 run (Brown kick), 2:43
NU — Green 7 run (Brown kick), 13:46
NU — Brown 34 FG, 6:37
NU — Green 45 run (Brown kick), 4:04
NU — Frost 5 run (Brown kick), 0:53
NU — Makovicka 11 run (Brown kick), 10:16
UA — Hunter 11 run (Stidham kick), 5:17
NU — Buckhalter 8 run (Retzlaff kick), 3:48
NU — Buckhalter 3 run (Retzlaff kick), 13:50
UA — Bailey 69 pass from Washington (Stidham kick), 12:50

Team Stats

| | UA | NU |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| First Downs | 11 | 30 |
| Rushing yards | 41-99 | 56-472 |
| Passes | 8-14-1 | 12-19-0 |
| Passing yards | 144 | 172 |
| Total offense | 55-243 | 75-644 |
| Punts-avg | 8-50.1 | 0-0 |
| Fumbles-lost | 1-0 | 4-1 |
| Penalties-yards | 5-35 | 5-60 |
| Possession time | 31:03 | 28:57 |

Individual leaders

Rushing — UA: Hunter 16-54, Reader 10-35; NU: Frost 11-123, Green 9-99, London 5-79, Buckhalter 11-61.
Passing — UA: Washington 4-6-0-93, Gromek 4-8-1-51; NU: London 4-5-0-90, Frost 7-13-0-67.
Receiving — UA: Bailey 1-69, Spencer 4-43, Whitt 2-31; NU: Davison 3-64, Wiggins 2-25, Gibson 2-18.

SEPT. 13

Miami 49, Akron 20
Yager Stadium, Oxford

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| Zips | 0 | 0 | 12 | 8 | — | 20 |
| RedHawks | 0 | 28 | 0 | 21 | — | 49 |

OXFORD — Preseason MAC favorite Miami re-established itself in the conference race with a 49-20 win over visiting Akron. The RedHawks had been upset one week earlier at Bowling Green, 28-21.

After a scoreless first period, Miami exploded for four TDs in the second and accumulated a school-record total 384 yards of offense in the first half for a 28-0 cushion.

"From the get-go, it was all Miami," said a dejected UA coach Lee Owens. "From the first time they broke the huddle, they took it to us. And we didn't respond well to it."

Akron staged a mild comeback in the third quarter with sophomore WR Willie Spencer throwing for one TD and catching another scoring pass to make it 28-12. The RedHawks answered with a 70-yard, 13-play scoring drive. On UA's next play from scrimmage Greg Gromek was intercepted by Bryan McCullough, who returned it 22 yards to the UA 3. Miami then delivered the knockout punch two plays later when Travis Prentice made it 42-12 with his second TD.

Nate Boyd racked up 19 tackles (6 solo) for the Zips. Miami tallied a school-record 33 first downs.

Scoring Summary

MU — Vaughn 10 pass from Ricketts (Scott kick), 14:56
MU — Hall 52 pass from Ricketts (Scott kick), 11:24
MU — Prentice 13 run (Scott kick), 6:28
MU — Hall 17 pass from Ricketts (Scott kick), 2:21
UA — Whitt 34 pass from Spencer (fumbled PAT), 8:43
UA — Spencer 14 pass from Gromek (pass failed), 0:22
MU — Johnson 5 pass from Ricketts (Scott kick), 9:48
MU — Prentice 2 run (Scott kick), 8:49
UA — Lomax 54 run (Lagasse run), 6:47
MU — Monk 9 run (Scott kick), 1:32

Team Stats

| | UA | MU |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| First Downs | 13 | 33 |
| Rushing yards | 35-140 | 52-260 |
| Passes | 9-17-1 | 23-33-0 |
| Passing yards | 90 | 323 |
| Total offense | 52-230 | 85-583 |
| Punts-avg | 7-40.3 | 1-33 |
| Fumbles-lost | 0-0 | 2-1 |
| Penalties-yards | 9-82 | 9-115 |
| Possession time | 23:35 | 36:25 |

Individual leaders

Rushing — UA: Lomax 9-78, Rooney 6-22; MU: Prentice 30-157, Smith 7-37, Ricketts 5-27, Monk 5-27.
Passing — UA: Gromek 4-8-1-52, Washington 3-7-0-7, Spencer 1-1-0-34; MU: Ricketts 23-33-0-296.
Receiving — UA: Spencer 4-45, Whitt 2-43; MU: Hall 5-140, Vaughn 4-54, Johnson 4-46, Gaylor 4-27.

SEPT. 20

Bowling Green 31, Akron 28
Rubber Bowl, Akron

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|---------|----|---|----|----|---|----|
| Falcons | 0 | 7 | 14 | 10 | — | 31 |
| Zips | 21 | 0 | 7 | 0 | — | 28 |

AKRON — Reserve quarterback Ricky Schneider rallied Bowling Green to a 31-28 MAC win over the Zips. Falcon PK Jason Strasser's 23-yard field goal with 0:32 left gave BGSU the win.

A partisan Acme-Zip Game crowd of 18,887 cheered with delight as Akron erupted for a 21-0 first-quarter lead. Willie Spencer's 32-yard reverse pass to Carl Whitt set up Mike Lagasse's first TD.

Two plays after Julius Lancaster blocked a field goal attempt and returned it to the BG 21, Greg Gromek lofted a 20-yard scoring strike to Lavel Bailey and added a two-point run making it 14-0.

Greg Lomax closed out the first quarter scoring with a 12-yard run up the middle, running the score to 21-0. UA's defense then stopped the Falcons on 4th-and-goal at the 1.

Niemet's 12-yard scoring pass to Tony Holcomb got BG on the board, trailing 21-7. With less than two minutes to play in the half, Niemet was knocked out of the contest.

Schneider came on to direct BG to four long scoring drives in the second half. The Zips answered one time, marching 77 yards on eight plays, to go on top 28-14.

UA defensive end Corey Christian had four TFLs for the contest.

Scoring Summary

UA — Lagasse 2 run (kick no good), 13:44
UA — Bailey 20 pass from Gromek (Gromek run), 8:48
UA — Lomax 12 run (Stidham kick), 1:09
BG — Holcomb 12 pass from Niemet (Strasser kick), 5:57
BG — Platt 4 run (Strasser kick), 8:50
UA — Lagasse 4 run (Stidham kick), 4:38
BG — Holcomb 1 pass from Schneider (Strasser kick), 0:24
BG — Schneider 1 run (Strasser kick), 5:57
BG — Strasser 23 FG

Team Stats

| | BG | UA |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 28 | 15 |
| Rushing yards | 55-184 | 32-148 |
| Passes | 25-37-1 | 10-18-1 |
| Passing yards | 262 | 177 |
| Total offense | 92-446 | 50-325 |
| Punts-avg | 3-42 | 3-38 |
| Fumbles-lost | 0-0 | 3-2 |
| Penalties-yards | 5-45 | 6-71 |
| Possession time | 41:23 | 18:37 |

Individual leaders

Rushing — UA: Lagasse 14-83, Lomax 8-37; BG: Hollis 23-107, Platt 20-62, Lige 5-23.
Passing — UA: Gromek 9-17-1-145, Spencer 1-1-0-32; BG: Niemet 12-18-0-134, Schneider 13-19-1-128.
Receiving — UA: Spencer 3-65, Whitt 3-61; BG: Hollis 6-46, Hamilton 5-84, Loville 5-58.

SEPT. 27

LSU 56, Akron 0
Tiger Stadium, Baton Rouge, La.

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| Zips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 |
| Tigers | 21 | 21 | 7 | 7 | — | 56 |

BATON ROUGE — Thirteenth-ranked Louisiana State scored touchdowns on its first seven possessions and coasted to a 56-0 win over the Zips.

Tiger quarterback Herb Tyler connected on 9-of-10 tosses for 148 yards and 4 TDs. He also rushed for one score.

LSU unleashed a powerful ground game, led by sophomore Cecil Collins, who piled up 179 yards on 20 carries. He scored the game's first TD on a 69-yard dash early in the first quarter. Preseason Heisman Trophy candidate Kevin Faulk, seeing his first game action since the Tigers' opener, returned four punts for 95 yards and carried six times for 52 additional yards.

The Zips mustered their two best offensive drives of the game at the end of the second quarter and at the beginning of the third quarter. Both ended with failed field-goal attempts. Jamie Stidham's first try was wide left from 38 yards out. His second try from 27 yards away was blocked. Stidham had recovered his own onside kick to start the second half.

Sophomore Tyrone Ryan ripped off his career-long run (41 yards) late in the contest. James Washington hooked up with Greg Lomax on a 50-yard pass play to set up Stidham's first FG attempt. Redshirt freshman linebacker Derek Wilborn registered a team-high 11 tackles.

Scoring Summary

LSU — Collins 69 run (Richey kick), 12:45
LSU — Cleveland 15 pass from Tyler (Richey kick), 7:38
LSU — Foster 14 pass from Tyler (Richey kick), 4:05
LSU — Tyler 12 run (Richey kick), 13:27
LSU — Foster 38 pass from Tyler (Richey kick), 11:24
LSU — Domingeaux 6 pass from Tyler (Richey kick), 2:41
LSU — Booty 13 pass from Sparacino (Boyd kick), 5:07
LSU — Mealey 40 run (Boyd kick), 10:16

| Team Stats | UA | LSU |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| First Downs | 12 | 32 |
| Rushing yards | 37-147 | 46-363 |
| Passes | 9-22-2 | 16-19-0 |
| Passing yards | 114 | 224 |
| Total offense | 59-261 | 65-587 |
| Punts-avg | 8-47.8 | 1-50.0 |
| Fumbles-lost | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-yards | 2-15 | 5-40 |
| Possession time | 30:58 | 29:02 |

Individual leaders

Rushing — LSU: Collins 20-179, Mealey 15-103, Faulk 6-52; UA: Lomax 11-42, Ryan 1-41, Hunter 12-26, Reader 5-26, Rooney 3-16.
Passing — LSU: Tyler 9-10-0-148, Sparacino 7-9-0-76; UA: Gromek 5-14-0-43, Washington 4-8-2-71.
Receiving — LSU: Cleveland 6-59, Booty 3-47, Foster 2-52; UA: Lomax 2-49, Webb 1-19, Spencer 1-16, Whitt 1-12.

OCT. 4

Akron 53, Central Michigan 14
Rubber Bowl, Akron

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| Chippis | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | — | 14 |
| Zips | 18 | 14 | 7 | 14 | — | 53 |

AKRON — The Zips put it all together on a balmy night at the Rubber Bowl, crushing Central Michigan, 53-14, and picked up their first win of the '97 season.

UA's point total was its largest since racking up 60 against Youngstown State in 1969. Quarterback Greg Gromek threw for 220 yards in the first half — a school record — enroute to career high numbers for completions (16) and yardage (263). His yardage total is the 11th best passing effort in Akron history.

Mike Lagasse got the Zips started when he returned the opening kickoff 59 yards. Akron went on top 6-0 on Jamie Reader's 11-yard TD run. Gromek's one-yard TD keep and two scoring strikes were sandwiched around Jamie Stidham's first FG of the season — a 28-yarder.

Defensively, the Zips forced four turnovers, with Nate Boyd picking off two Tim Crowley passes. George Cameron also blocked a punt.

Eight UA ball carriers gained at least 20 yards as Akron piled up 573 yards of offense (the most since 610 vs. Northern Arizona in 1991). Gromek's 61-yard hookup with Willie Spencer set up the Zips' second TD. Spencer finished with five grabs for 102 yards and one TD. He also rushed for 27 yards.

Two Zip freshmen were making their first starts on defense: redshirt Derek Wilborn at OLB and true rookie Rich Reliford at CB.

Scoring Summary

UA — Reader 11 run (Washington run), 13:00
UA — Gromek 1 run (Stidham kick), 7:40
UA — Stidham 28 FG, 4:19
UA — Whitt 28 pass from Gromek (Stidham kick), 11:55
UA — Bailey 23 pass from Gromek (Stidham kick), 0:29
UA — Spencer 3 pass from Gromek (Stidham kick), 9:38
CM — Myrick 3 run (Wilson kick), 3:12
UA — Ryan 14 run (Jamison kick), 7:52
CM — Fuller 1 run (Wilson kick), 4:41
UA — Ruhlin 4 run (Jamison kick), 0:57

| Team Stats | CM | UA |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 21 | 26 |
| Rushing yards | 41-212 | 53-303 |
| Passes | 15-39-2 | 17-27-0 |
| Passing yards | 257 | 270 |
| Total offense | 80-469 | 80-573 |
| Punts-avg | 4-35.0 | 3-39.3 |
| Fumbles-lost | 3-2 | 2-1 |
| Penalties-yards | 9-69 | 5-62 |
| Possession time | 29:03 | 30:57 |

Individual leaders

Rushing — UA: Ryan 4-53, Rooney 6-48, Lomax 6-43; CM: Flowers 16-110.
Passing — UA: Gromek 16-24-0-263, Washington 1-3-0; CM: Crowley 13-37-2-218, Shephard 2-2-0-39.
Receiving — UA: Spencer 5-102, Whitt 3-69, Bailey 2-28, Peugeot 2-24; CM: Schormann 5-80, Pitt 4-65.

OCT. 11

Marshall 52, Akron 17
Marshall Stadium, Huntington, W.Va.

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| Zips | 7 | 7 | 3 | 0 | — | 17 |
| Herd | 28 | 10 | 0 | 14 | — | 52 |

HUNTINGTON — Heisman Trophy hopeful Randy Moss caught two first-quarter touchdowns passes to lead the Marshall Thundering Herd to a comfortable 52-17 win over Akron. It marked Marshall's first MAC home game since 1968.

After two Moss scores, Tim Dempsey intercepted UA quarterback Greg Gromek and returned it 29 yards for a TD to make the score 21-0 with 5:57 to play in the first quarter.

The Zips battled back on Greg Lomax's 44-yard scoring run and a two-yard TD plunge by Bo Hunter to pull within 28-14, but were no match for Marshall's high-octane attack.

Herd QB Chad Pennington finished 22-of-35 thru the air for 246 yards and three TDs. RB Doug Chapman returned to action after missing 4 games and rushed for 180 yards on 14 tries.

UA had four turnovers and the Herd converted all four into touchdowns, including a 98-yard INT return for a score by B.J. Summers. On that play, Gromek suffered a season-ending knee injury.

Lomax posted the first 100-yard game by a Zip back this season and the second of his career with 117 yards on 15 carries. Willie Spencer had his second 100-yard receiving game with eight grabs for 106.

Scoring Summary

MU — Moss 22 pass from Pennington (Malashevich kick), 13:36
MU — Moss 34 pass from Pennington (Malashevich kick), 6:14
MU — Dempsey 29 INT return (Malashevich kick), 5:57
UA — Lomax 44 run (Stidham kick), 4:57
MU — Turner 4 run (Malashevich kick), 3:07
UA — Hunter 2 run (Stidham kick), 13:30
MU — Malashevich 32 FG, 9:04
MU — Turner 17 run (Malashevich kick), 5:52
UA — Stidham 28 FG, 10:57
MU — Long 10 pass from Pennington (Malashevich kick), 13:33
UA — Summers 98 INT return (Malashevich kick), 9:18

| Team Stats | UA | MU |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 19 | 20 |
| Rushing yards | 44-225 | 27-232 |
| Passes | 13-32-3 | 22-35-0 |
| Passing yards | 180 | 246 |
| Total offense | 76-405 | 62-478 |
| Punts-avg | 6-40.7 | 5-43.0 |
| Fumbles-lost | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-yards | 6-53 | 14-188 |
| Possession time | 31:10 | 28:50 |

Individual leaders

Rushing — UA: Lomax 15-117, Hunter 10-35, Lagasse 6-29; MU: Chapman 14-180, Turner 6-34.
Passing — UA: Gromek 12-30-3-161; MU: Pennington 22-35-0-246.
Receiving — UA: Spencer 8-106, Lomax 4-64, Whitt 1-10; MU: Moss 6-107, Colclough 3-38.

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Eastern Michigan 45, Akron 0
Rynearson Stadium, Ypsilanti, Mich.

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| Zips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 |
| Eagles | 7 | 17 | 7 | 14 | — | 45 |

YPSILANTI — Charlie Batch threw for a career-high 439 yards and three touchdowns in leading Eastern Michigan to a 45-0 non-conference win over Akron.

Zip redshirt freshman quarterback "Butchie" Washington was making his first college start, and struggled completing 4-of-14 passes for 17 yards. The Zips drove to the EMU 30 on the game's first possession, but were stopped when Corey Baskin intercepted Washington in the end zone.

Eastern marched 80 yards on six plays and fumbled into the end zone. UA's Rich Reliford covered the dropped ball and the Zips started again at their own 20. After an Akron punt, Eastern traveled 62 yards on six plays and led 7-0. The Zips tried to answer, but failed to convert on 4th-and-two at the EMU 12 and gave the ball over on downs.

From that point on, it was all Eastern. The Eagles led 24-0 at half and were not challenged in the second period. Batch was near perfect in staging a 20-for-23 passing clinic. The Zips were unable to contain EMU's West Coast passing attack and the result was a school-record offensive output of 632 yards. The Eagles' defense recorded its first MAC shutout in 18 years (since a 0-0 battle with Northern Illinois in 1979).

Two other Zips were making their first college starts: QT Joe Trudeau and DE Ron Smith. Mike Lagasse played just one quarter and had 101 all-purpose running yards (39 rush, 62 KOR). Mike Hayes boomed seven punts for a 44.9 average.

Scoring Summary

EMU — Adams 5 run (Ventura kick), 2:32
EMU — Ventura 41 FG, 10:44
EMU — Ali 15 pass from Batch (Ventura kick), 4:40
EMU — Edwards 60 pass from Batch (Ventura kick), 2:35
EMU — Adams 1 run (Ventura kick), 2:33
EMU — Kumasi 79 pass from Batch (Ventura kick), 14:39
EMU — Newman 11 run (Ventura kick), 6:41

Team Stats

| | UA | EMU |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| First Downs | 15 | 27 |
| Rushing yards | 48-217 | 40-184 |
| Passes | 4-14-1 | 21-24-0 |
| Passing yards | 17 | 448 |
| Total offense | 62-234 | 64-632 |
| Punts-avg | 6-44.2 | 3-31.7 |
| Fumbles-lost | 1-0 | 3-1 |
| Penalties-yards | 4-35 | 8-94 |
| Possession time | 31:11 | 28:49 |

Individual leaders

Rushing — UA: Lomax 10-81, Hunter 13-48, Lagasse 8-39; EMU: Edwards 16-70, Scott 9-45, Batch 5-30.

Passing — UA: Washington 4-14-1-17; EMU: Batch 20-23-0-439.

Receiving — UA: Spencer 1-18, Ryan 1-4; EMU: Kumasi 4-183, Edwards 5-101, Laughlin 3-52, Scott 5-47, Ali 2-46.

OCT. 25

Ohio 21, Akron 17
Rubber Bowl, Akron

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| Bobcats | 0 | 7 | 7 | 7 | — | 21 |
| Zips | 7 | 3 | 7 | 0 | — | 17 |

AKRON — In a hard-fought, old-fashioned football game of field position and rushing offense, the Akron Zips made one mental mistake and it cost them dearly in a 21-17 Homecoming loss.

With Akron leading 10-0 with less than 30 seconds to play in the first half, and having thoroughly outplayed the vaunted Bobcats, Ohio's Tevell Jones blocked Mike Hayes' punt, and Dennis Fitzgerald scooped it up and ran it in 27 yards for the score. The momentum swing was huge and brought Ohio back to within 10-7.

"They've beat us two years in a row with a blocked punt," said dejected Zip coach Lee Owens.

The Zips were caught with just 10 men on the field for the punt. Up-back Mike Lagasse had been dazed in the first quarter and was not on the field.

UA had built a 10-0 edge on Greg Lomax's 23-yard TD run and Jamie Stidham's 31-yard FG. Ohio took the lead for the first time with 9:09 to play in the third quarter on Steve Hookfin's 13-yard run, capping a 13-play, 78-yard march to open the 2nd half.

Akron responded when on 3rd-and-8, Lomax caught Ohio thinking pass and ran a 92-yard draw play to paydirt. It marked the third longest run from scrimmage in school history and provided the biggest chunk of real estate in Lomax's 150-yard (15 carries) rushing day — his second 100-yard game of the season and third of the season. It gave UA a 17-14 margin with 3:52 to play in the third.

Ohio answered with a 16-play, 77-yard drive which culminated in Kareem Wilson's 2-yard TD scamper. The two teams exchanged fumbles, before Akron drove 58 yards to the OU 16 and went out on downs with 2:25 to play and no timeouts.

Scoring Summary

UA — Lomax 23 run (Stidham kick), 5:49
UA — Stidham 31 FG, 11:17
OU — Fitzgerald 27 blocked punt return (Huston kick), :22
OU — Hookfin 13 run (Huston kick), 9:09
UA — Lomax 92 run (Stidham kick), 3:52
OU — Wilson 2 run (Huston kick), 12:50

Team Stats

| | OU | UA |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
| First Downs | 20 | 17 |
| Rushing yards | 61-270 | 54-306 |
| Passes | 0-0-0 | 5-11-1 |
| Passing yards | 0 | 62 |
| Total offense | 61-270 | 65-368 |
| Punts-avg | 4-38.5 | 2-24.0 |
| Fumbles-lost | 4-2 | 3-2 |
| Penalties-yards | 3-30 | 3-24 |
| Possession time | 29:25 | 30:35 |

Individual leaders

Rushing — UA: Lomax 15-150, Hunter 17-62, Lagasse 5-49; OU: Hookfin 25-122, Wilson 20-75, Buckman 8-28.

Passing — UA: Washington 5-11-1-62; OU Wilson 0-0-0.

Receiving — UA: Bailey 3-37, Spencer 2-25.

NOV. 1

Ball State 31, Akron 14
Ball State Stadium, Muncie, Ind.

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| Zips | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 | — | 14 |
| Cardinals | 10 | 14 | 7 | 0 | — | 31 |

MUNCIE — The defending MAC champion Ball State Cardinals proved to be better "mudders" than the visiting Akron Zips.

Ball State used a series of big plays to subdue Akron, 31-14, and win its third straight game.

BSU quarterback Jake Josetti completed just five passes, but two tosses to Adrian Reese set up one TD and resulted in another. Josetti's first bomb to Reese covered 44 yards and put BSU on the UA 2, just before half. The second went the distance — 50 yards — and gave Ball State a 31-7 cushion.

Earlier, BSU back James Terrell had given Ball State a 10-0 margin when he broke away from a pack of Akron tacklers and raced 66 yards to paydirt.

After Brent Locklear's 27-yard FG had put the home team up 3-0, UA's Greg Lomax returned Locklear's kickoff 47 yards. Akron marched to the BSU 14, but Jamie Stidham's 31-yard FG try missed.

Bo Hunter got Akron on the board with 7:28 to play in the second quarter, and whittled Ball State's edge to 17-7. Hunter's 2-yard dash capped an 11-play, 80-yard drive, highlighted by a 31-yard James Washington to Carl Whitt pass play.

Lomax scored his third touchdown in two weeks when he cashed in a 13-yard run with 6:23 to play. Willie Spencer caught eight passes for the Zips, but could not shake loose and netted 47 yards.

Zip DB George Germany had a big day, racking up 11 tackles, including three for loss (-13) and one pass break-up. MLB Nate Boyd registered two TFLs (-9) among his nine stops. OLB Bill Burke dropped BSU ballcarriers behind the line three times and tallied six tackles on the day.

Scoring Summary

BS — Locklear 27 FG, 8:57
BS — Terrell 66 run (Locklear kick), 5:13
BS — Terrell 1 run (Locklear kick), 11:58
UA — Hunter 2 run (Stidham kick), 7:28
BS — Moore 2 run (Locklear kick), 2:56
BS — Reese 50 pass from Josetti (Locklear kick), 5:38
UA — Lomax 13 run (Stidham kick), 6:23

Team Stats

| | UA | BS |
|-----------------|---------|--------|
| First Downs | 18 | 16 |
| Rushing yards | 52-194 | 49-242 |
| Passes | 12-23-1 | 5-10-1 |
| Passing yards | 90 | 142 |
| Total offense | 75-284 | 59-384 |
| Punts-avg | 7-43.0 | 6-48.0 |
| Fumbles-lost | 0-0 | 3-0 |
| Penalties-yards | 4-43 | 9-76 |
| Possession time | 34:49 | 25:11 |

Individual leaders

Rushing — UA: Hunter 15-67, Lomax 13-51; BS: Terrell 12-146, Moore 12-69.

Passing — UA: Washington 12-23-1-90; BS: Josetti 5-10-1-142.

Receiving — UA: Spencer 8-47, Whitt 1-31; BS: Reese 2-94, Geesman 2-23.

NOV. 8

Akron 45, Kent 35
Rubber Bowl, Akron

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| Flashes | 7 | 0 | 0 | 28 | — | 35 |
| Zips | 10 | 21 | 14 | 0 | — | 45 |

AKRON — The Zip dominated the 40th Wagon Wheel Game for the first three quarters and held off a late Kent rally to win 45-35.

Akron rushed for 470 yards — the most ever against a Division I-A opponent — and piled up 554 yards of offense, just under the season high of 573 against Central Michigan.

Junior tailback Greg Lomax ripped off career-high 173 rushing yards, including an 87-yard gallop on the first play from scrimmage in the second half — the fifth longest jaunt in school history. TB Mike Lagasse and FB Jamie Reader each accounted for 97 ground yards. The Zip offensive line was cited for its fine play, led by guards Kevin Kuntz and Dan Wessman.

Kent took the opening kickoff and drove 80 yards for a TD — a 15-yard pass from Jose Davis to Eugene Baker. What followed had to surprise even the Akron coaches and players themselves.

The Zips reeled off 45 straight points and led 45-7 heading into the fourth quarter. Turning points in Akron's favor: a fumble causing hit by Andre McCray on Kent back Astron Whatley, Rich Reliford's INT, a successful fake punt, Willie Spencer's 9-yard TD run just before the half and Lomax's field-long sprint.

Kent recovered two onsides kicks, covered an Akron fumble and deflected a punt in the fourth quarter to fuel its comeback.

Scoring Summary

KS — Baker 15 pass from Davis (Romano kick), 11:31
UA — Stidham 31 FG, 8:48
UA — Lomax 2 run (Stidham kick), 4:32
UA — Lomax 24 run (Stidham kick), 8:50
UA — Reader 39 run (Stidham kick), 3:33
UA — Spencer 9 run (Stidham kick), 0:12
UA — Lomax 87 run (Stidham kick), 14:33
UA — Hunter 4 run (Jamison kick), 7:59
KS — Baker 55 pass from Davis (Davis 2-pt run), 13:22
KS — Baker 12 pass from Davis (Romano kick), 8:10
KS — Baker 2 pass from Davis (Romano kick), 4:42
KS — Gavazda 13 pass from Davis (pass failed), 4:03

| Team Stats | KSU | UA |
|-----------------|---------|--------|
| First Downs | 25 | 23 |
| Rushing yards | 25-96 | 59-470 |
| Passes | 34-59-2 | 6-15-0 |
| Passing yards | 419 | 84 |
| Total offense | 84-515 | 74-554 |
| Punts-avg | 5-36.8 | 3-30.7 |
| Fumbles-lost | 1-1 | 3-1 |
| Penalties-yards | 13-101 | 8-87 |
| Possession time | 30:16 | 29:44 |

Individual leaders

Rushing — UA: Lomax 18-173, Lagasse 11-97, Reader 8-97; KS: Davis 10-55, Whatley 10-41.
Passing — UA: Washington 6-14-0-84; KS: Davis 34-59-2-419.
Receiving — UA: Spencer 4-34, Lomax 1-39, Whitt 1-11; KS: Baker 15-236, Chatman 6-35, Gavazda 4-48.

NOV. 15

Toledo 42, Akron 10
Glass Bowl, Toledo

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|---------|---|----|----|----|---|----|
| Zips | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | — | 10 |
| Rockets | 7 | 21 | 14 | 0 | — | 42 |

TOLEDO — The MAC West Division champion Toledo Rockets rebounded from a 35-3 shocker at Ball State the previous week and handled the Zips, 42-10, at the Glass Bowl.

The big play hurt Akron again as Toledo scored six TDs on plays of 12 yards or more. Justin Wooley, filling in for injured back Dwayne Harris, got UT on the board first with a 57-yard jaunt to paydirt at the 7:19 of the first quarter.

Rocket quarterback Chris Wallace then tossed three second-quarter scoring passes to give UT a 28-0 cushion at intermission.

The Zips eventually established a ground game, grinding out 182 yards on 48 carries, but it was a case of too little too late. UA's Jamie Stidham punched through a 32-yard field goal with 6:35 to play and fullback Jamie Reader, playing his final college game, bulldozed into the end zone from one yard out with 0:17 left to complete the scoring.

Nate Boyd registered to nine stops to lead UA's defensive effort. Rich Reliford broke up three passes, while George Germany added an INT. Ellery Bradford had one forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

Toledo lost to Marshall, 34-14, in the MAC Championship Game on Dec. 5 in Huntington, W.Va.

Scoring Summary

UT — Wooley 57 run (Merrick kick), 7:19
UT — Curry 18 pass from Wallace (Merrick kick), 7:28
UT — Kreitzburg 30 pass from Wallace (Merrick kick), 7:11
UT — Long 23 pass from Wallace (Merrick kick), 0:28
UT — Wooley 12 run (Merrick kick), 3:49
UT — Green 21 run (Merrick kick), 3:22
UA — Stidham 32 field goal, 6:35
UA — Reader 1 run (Stidham kick), 0:17

| Team Stats | UA | UT |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| First Downs | 15 | 21 |
| Rushing yards | 48-182 | 37-216 |
| Passes | 9-21-1 | 19-32-1 |
| Passing yards | 76 | 220 |
| Total offense | 69-258 | 69-436 |
| Punts-avg | 9-39.3 | 6-40.3 |
| Fumbles-lost | 3-1 | 2-1 |
| Penalties-yards | 2-20 | 4-39 |
| Possession time | 31:50 | 28:10 |

Individual leaders

Rushing — UA: Reader 13-58, Lomax 14-57, Hunter 14-44; UT: Wooley 13-129, Green 11-49.
Passing — UA: Washington 9-20-1-76; UT: Wallace 18-30-1-210.
Receiving — UA: Bailey 3-41, Spencer 3-20; UT: Long 6-81, Curry 5-46, Kreitzburg 4-56.

'97 MAC SCORES

Aug. 28
Central Michigan 44, Northern Illinois 10

Ohio 31, Kent 7

Aug. 30

Miami 27, Ball State 10

Sept. 6

Bowling Green 28, Miami 21

Sept. 13

Miami 49, Akron 20

Marshall 42, Kent 17

Toledo 38, Eastern Michigan 35

Western Michigan 21, Northern Illinois 13

Sept. 20

Bowling Green 31, Akron 28

Kent 41, Eastern Michigan 38

Toledo 23, Western Michigan 13

Sept. 27

Marshall 42, Ball State 16

Ohio 31, Western Michigan 7

Eastern Michigan 31, Central Michigan 24

Oct. 4

Akron 53, Central Michigan 14

Bowling Green 35, Northern Illinois 10

Ohio 47, Eastern Michigan 7

Western Michigan 21, Ball State 13

Oct. 11

Marshall 52, Akron 17

Western Michigan 34, Bowling Green 21

Miami 62, Kent 26

Eastern Michigan 38, Ball State 32

Toledo 41, Central Michigan 10

Oct. 18

Ohio 24, Bowling Green 0

Western Michigan 50, Kent 27

Miami 45, Marshall 21

Ball State 37, Central Michigan 34 (OT)

Toledo 41, Northern Illinois 14

Oct. 25

Ohio 21, Akron 17

Toledo 35, Bowling Green 20

Kent 60, Central Michigan 37

Marshall 48, Eastern Michigan 25

Ball State 21, Northern Illinois 14

Nov. 1

Ball State 31, Akron 14

Kent 29, Bowling Green 20

Marshall 45, Central Michigan 17

Toledo 35, Miami 28

Ohio 35, Northern Illinois 30

Western Michigan 41, Eastern Michigan 38

Nov. 8

Akron 45, Kent 35

Marshall 28, Bowling Green 0

Miami 45, Ohio 21

Ball State 35, Toledo 3

Western Michigan 38, Central Michigan 24

Eastern Michigan 38, Northern Illinois 10

Nov. 15

Toledo 42, Akron 10

Marshall 27, Ohio 0

Miami 42, Northern Illinois 0

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1997 STATISTICS

Akron Zips (2-9 overall, 2-6 MAC*, 2-2 at home, 0-7 away)

| Date | Opponent | W/L | Score | Att. |
|----------|---------------------|-----|-------|--------|
| Aug. 30 | at Nebraska | L | 14-59 | 75,124 |
| Sept. 13 | at Miami* | L | 20-49 | 10,881 |
| Sept. 20 | BOWLING GREEN* | L | 28-31 | 18,887 |
| Sept. 27 | at LSU | L | 0-56 | 79,772 |
| Oct. 4 | C. MICHIGAN* | W | 53-14 | 9,221 |
| Oct. 11 | at Marshall* | L | 17-52 | 26,642 |
| Oct. 18 | at Eastern Michigan | L | 0-45 | 12,393 |
| Oct. 25 | OHIO* | L | 17-21 | 9,122 |
| Nov. 1 | at Ball State* | L | 14-31 | 21,119 |
| Nov. 8 | KENT* | W | 45-35 | 8,452 |
| Nov. 15 | at Toledo* | L | 10-42 | 12,272 |

| Rushing | Att | Net | Avg. | TD | LG |
|------------------|-----|------|------|----|----|
| Greg Lomax | 127 | 835 | 6.6 | 9 | 92 |
| Bo Hunter | 120 | 385 | 3.2 | 4 | 23 |
| Mike Lagasse | 60 | 359 | 6.0 | 2 | 33 |
| Jamie Reader | 71 | 334 | 4.7 | 3 | 39 |
| Chris Rooney | 48 | 242 | 5.0 | 0 | 44 |
| Tyrone Ryan | 10 | 119 | 11.9 | 1 | 41 |
| James Washington | 41 | 72 | 1.8 | 0 | 16 |
| Ben Ruhlin | 9 | 56 | 6.2 | 1 | 17 |
| Willie Spencer | 7 | 30 | 4.3 | 1 | 14 |
| Greg Gromek | 11 | -1 | -0.1 | 1 | 7 |
| Total | 504 | 2431 | 4.8 | 22 | 92 |
| Opponents | 489 | 2731 | 5.6 | 31 | 69 |

| Passing | Att | Cmp | Pct. | Yds | TD | Int | LG | Effic. | Sack |
|----------------|-----|-----|-------|------|----|-----|----|--------|------|
| Greg Gromek | 101 | 50 | 49.5 | 715 | 5 | 6 | 61 | 113.43 | 2 |
| J. Washington | 108 | 49 | 45.4 | 526 | 1 | 6 | 69 | 78.32 | 8 |
| Willie Spencer | 2 | 2 | 100.0 | 66 | 1 | 0 | 34 | 542.20 | 0 |
| Mike Hayes | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | -3 | 0 | 0 | - | 74.80 | 0 |
| Mike Lagasse | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0.00 | 0 |
| Jamie Stidham | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0.00 | 0 |
| Total | 214 | 102 | 47.7 | 1304 | 7 | 12 | 69 | 98.43 | 10 |
| Opponents | 307 | 192 | 62.5 | 2713 | 26 | 7 | 79 | 160.16 | 7 |

| Receiving | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | LG |
|------------------|-----|------|------|----|----|
| Willie Spencer | 43 | 521 | 12.1 | 2 | 61 |
| Carl Whitt | 15 | 276 | 18.4 | 2 | 34 |
| Lavel Bailey | 11 | 202 | 18.4 | 3 | 69 |
| Greg Lomax | 10 | 167 | 16.7 | 0 | 50 |
| Jamie Reader | 5 | 35 | 7.0 | 0 | 19 |
| Mike Lagasse | 5 | 35 | 7.0 | 0 | 19 |
| Chuck Webb | 3 | 34 | 11.3 | 0 | 19 |
| Gregg Peugeot | 3 | 32 | 10.7 | 0 | 16 |
| Terrel Dixon | 1 | 7 | 7.0 | 0 | 7 |
| Tyrone Ryan | 1 | 4 | 4.0 | 0 | 4 |
| Chad Zgong | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 0 | 2 |
| Chris Rooney | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 0 | 2 |
| Kevin Kuntz | 1 | -2 | -2.0 | 0 | - |
| Bo Hunter | 1 | -5 | -5.0 | 0 | - |
| James Washington | 1 | -6 | -6.0 | 0 | - |
| Total | 102 | 1304 | 12.8 | 7 | 69 |
| Opponents | 192 | 2713 | 14.1 | 26 | 79 |

| Scoring | TD | FGs | PAT | 2-pt | DXP | Saf | Pts |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Greg Lomax | 9 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 |
| Jamie Stidham | 0 | 5-10 | 20-21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| Bo Hunter | 4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Lavel Bailey | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| Jamie Reader | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| Willie Spencer | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| Mike Lagasse | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Carl Whitt | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Greg Gromek | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Tyrone Ryan | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Ben Ruhlin | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Nick Jamison | 0 | 0-0 | 3-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| James Washington | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Total | 29 | 5-10 | 23-24 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 218 |
| Opponents | 60 | 5-13 | 58-58 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 435 |

| Kickoff Returns | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | LG |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Mike Lagasse | 18 | 431 | 23.9 | 0 | 59 |
| Greg Lomax | 13 | 269 | 20.7 | 0 | 47 |
| Dwight Smith | 8 | 147 | 18.4 | 0 | 24 |
| Terrell Dixon | 4 | 60 | 15.0 | 0 | 19 |
| Ben Ruhlin | 2 | 34 | 17.0 | 0 | 17 |
| Nevara Smith | 2 | 30 | 15.0 | 0 | 19 |
| Ellery Bradford | 1 | 12 | 12.0 | 0 | 12 |
| Eric Small | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 49 | 983 | 20.1 | 0 | 59 |
| Opponents | 30 | 539 | 18.0 | 0 | 32 |

| Punt Returns | No. | Yds | Avg. | TD | LG |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Rich Reliford | 6 | 38 | 6.3 | 0 | 13 |
| Dwight Smith | 4 | 38 | 9.5 | 0 | 11 |
| Carl Whitt | 3 | 11 | 3.7 | 0 | 7 |
| Total | 13 | 87 | 6.7 | 0 | 13 |
| Opponents | 40 | 611 | 15.3 | 1 | 33 |

| All-Purpose | Rush | Rec | PR | KOR | Avg./G |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Greg Lomax | 835 | 167 | 0 | 269 | 115.5 |
| Mike Lagasse | 359 | 35 | 0 | 431 | 82.5 |
| Total | 2431 | 1304 | 87 | 983 | 436.8 |
| Opponents | 2731 | 2713 | 611 | 539 | 599.5 |

| Total Offense | Plays | Rush | Pass | Total | Avg./G |
|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Greg Gromek | 112 | -1 | 715 | 714 | 119.0 |
| Greg Lomax | 127 | 835 | 0 | 835 | 75.9 |
| James Washington | 149 | 72 | 526 | 598 | 59.8 |
| Total | 718 | 2431 | 1304 | 3735 | 339.5 |
| Opponents | 774 | 2731 | 2713 | 5444 | 494.9 |

| Punting | No. | Yds | Avg. | LG | Bkld |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Mike Hayes | 53 | 2319 | 43.8 | 59 | 2 |
| Jamie Stidham | 8 | 318 | 39.8 | 47 | 0 |
| Total | 63 | 2650 | 42.1 | 59 | 2 |
| Opponents | 38 | 1527 | 40.2 | 60 | 1 |

| Field Goals | Att | Good | Pct. | LG | Bkld |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Jamie Stidham | 10 | 5 | 50.0 | 32 | 1 |
| Total | 10 | 5 | 50.0 | 32 | 1 |
| Opponents | 13 | 5 | 38.5 | 41 | 1 |

UA STARTING LINEUPS

Offense

| NU | Miami | BGSU | LSU | Central | Marshall | Eastern | Ohio | Ball State | Kent | Toledo |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| TE Webb | Webb | Webb | Webb | Bailey* | Webb | Webb | Webb | Webb | Webb | Zgongc |
| ST Pyles | Pyles | Pyles | Pyles | Pyles | Pyles | Pyles | Pyles | Pyles | Pyles | Pyles |
| SG Wessman | Wessman | Wessman | Wessman | Wessman | Wessman | Wessman | Wessman | Wessman | Wessman | Wessman |
| C Hildebrand | Hildebrand | Hildebrand | Hildebrand | Hildebrand | Hildebrand | Hildebrand | Hildebrand | Hildebrand | Hildebrand | Hildebrand |
| QG Hale | Hale | Hale | Hale | Hale | Hale | Kuntz | Kuntz | Kuntz | Kuntz | Kuntz |
| QT Kuntz | Kuntz | Kuntz | Kuntz | Kuntz | Kuntz | Trudeau | Trudeau | Trudeau | Trudeau | Trudeau |
| WR Dixon | Spencer | Spencer | Spencer | Spencer | Spencer | Spencer | Spencer | Spencer | Spencer | Spencer |
| WR Whitt | Whitt | Whitt | Whitt | Whitt | Whitt | Whitt | Whitt | Whitt | Whitt | Whitt |
| QB Gromek | Gromek | Gromek | Gromek | Gromek | Gromek | Washington | Washington | Washington | Washington | Washington |
| TB Lagasse | Hunter | Lagasse | Lagasse | Lagasse | Lagasse | Lagasse | Lagasse | Lomax | Lagasse | Lomax |
| FB Rooney | Reader | Reader | Reader | Reader | Reader | Reader | Bailey* | Reader | Reader | Reader |

*started three wide-outs

Defense

| NU | Miami | BGSU | LSU | Central | Marshall | Eastern | Ohio | Ball State | Kent | Toledo |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| DE Christian | Christian | Christian | Christian | Christian | Christian | Christian | Christian | Christian | Christian | Christian |
| DT Anderson | West | West | West | West | West | West | Anderson | Anderson | Anderson | Anderson |
| DT Bennett | Bennett | Bennett | Bennett | Bennett | Bennett | Anderson | Simon | Bennett | Bennett | Bennett |
| DE Maxa | Anderson | Anderson | Anderson | Anderson | Anderson | R. Smith | R. Smith | R. Smith | R. Smith | R. Smith |
| OLB Cameron | Cameron | King | Cameron | Cameron | Cameron | Cameron | Burke | Cameron | Cameron | Cameron |
| MLB Boyd | Boyd | Boyd | Boyd | Boyd | Boyd | Boyd | King | Boyd | Boyd | Boyd |
| OLB Burke | Burke | Burke | Burke | Burke | Wilborn | Wilborn | Wilborn | Burke | Burke | Burke |
| CB Germany | Germany | Germany | Germany | Reliford | Reliford | Reliford | Reliford | Reliford | Reliford | Reliford |
| CB Cargile | Cargile | Cargile | Cargile | Cargile | Cargile | Cargile | Cargile | Cargile | Cargile | Cargile |
| SS Lancaster | Lancaster | Lancaster | Lancaster | Germany | Germany | Germany | Germany | Germany | Germany | Germany |
| FS McCray | McCray | McCray | McCray | McCray | McCray | McCray | McCray | McCray | McCray | McCray |

TEAM STATISTICS

| Category | UA | OPP | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------|-----|-----|-------|
| FIRST DOWNS | 184 | 273 | | | |
| Rushing | 113 | 138 | | | |
| Passing | 55 | 119 | | | |
| Penalty | 16 | 16 | | | |
| RUSHING YARDAGE | 2431 | 2731 | | | |
| Yards gained rushing | 2639 | 2898 | | | |
| Yards lost rushing | 208 | 167 | | | |
| Rushing Attempts | 504 | 489 | | | |
| Average per Rush | 4.8 | 5.6 | | | |
| Average per Game | 221 | 248 | | | |
| TDs Rushing | 22 | 31 | | | |
| PASSING YARDAGE | 1304 | 2713 | | | |
| Att-Comp-Int | 214-102-12 | 307-192-7 | | | |
| Average per Pass | 6.1 | 8.8 | | | |
| Average per Catch | 12.8 | 14.1 | | | |
| Average per Game | 119 | 247 | | | |
| TDs Passing | 7 | 26 | | | |
| TOTAL OFFENSE | 3735 | 5444 | | | |
| Total Plays | 718 | 796 | | | |
| Average per Play | 5.2 | 6.8 | | | |
| Average per Game | 339.5 | 494.9 | | | |
| KICKOFF RETURNS: # - YARDS | 49-983 | 30-539 | | | |
| PUNT RETURNS: # - YARDS | 13-87 | 40-611 | | | |
| INT RETURNS: # - YARDS | 7-23 | 12-220 | | | |
| FUMBLES-LOST | 18-8 | 22-9 | | | |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 55-527 | 84-857 | | | |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME | 29:33 | 30:27 | | | |
| 3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS | 56/159 | 67/139 | | | |
| By Quarter | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
| Akron | 63 | 52 | 57 | 46 | 218 |
| Opponents | 94 | 149 | 77 | 115 | 435 |



Stark County native Bill Hildebrand should "weigh in on" the Zips' chances for success. The 300-pounder started 11 games last season.

MACT TEAM STATISTICS

1997 FINAL MAC STANDINGS

| East | MAC | Overall |
|----------------------|------------|----------------|
| 1. Marshall | 7-1 | 10-3* |
| 2. Miami | 6-2 | 8-3 |
| Ohio | 6-2 | 8-3 |
| 4. Bowling Green | 3-5 | 3-8 |
| Kent | 3-5 | 3-8 |
| 6. Akron | 2-6 | 2-9 |
| <u>West</u> | | |
| 1. Toledo | 7-1 | 9-3 |
| 2. Western Michigan | 6-2 | 8-3 |
| 3. Ball State | 4-4 | 5-6 |
| 4. Eastern Michigan | 3-5 | 4-7 |
| 5. Central Michigan | 1-7 | 2-9 |
| 6. Northern Illinois | 0-8 | 0-11 |

(*includes 34-31 loss to Mississippi in the Motor City Bowl)

| Team | Offense | G | Plays | Yards | YPP | TD | YPG |
|-------------------|----------------|----------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Marshall | | 12 | 832 | 5339 | 6.4 | 58 | 444.9 |
| Miami | | 11 | 827 | 4876 | 5.9 | 49 | 443.3 |
| Kent | | 11 | 814 | 4866 | 6.0 | 45 | 442.4 |
| Eastern Michigan | | 11 | 808 | 4687 | 5.8 | 41 | 426.1 |
| Toledo | | 12 | 932 | 5026 | 5.4 | 46 | 418.8 |
| Central Michigan | | 11 | 857 | 4398 | 5.1 | 34 | 399.8 |
| Western Michigan | | 11 | 771 | 4325 | 5.6 | 36 | 393.2 |
| Akron | | 11 | 718 | 3735 | 5.2 | 29 | 339.5 |
| Ohio | | 11 | 707 | 3732 | 5.3 | 35 | 339.3 |
| Ball State | | 11 | 729 | 3506 | 4.8 | 29 | 318.7 |
| Bowling Green | | 11 | 767 | 3280 | 4.3 | 22 | 298.2 |
| Northern Illinois | | 11 | 711 | 2910 | 4.1 | 15 | 264.5 |

| Rushing Offense | G | Plays | Yards | YPP | TD | YPG |
|-------------------|----|-------|-------|-----|----|-------|
| Ohio | 11 | 649 | 3321 | 5.1 | 32 | 301.9 |
| Akron | 11 | 504 | 2431 | 4.8 | 22 | 221.0 |
| Miami | 11 | 482 | 2285 | 4.7 | 33 | 207.7 |
| Toledo | 12 | 494 | 2052 | 4.2 | 19 | 171.0 |
| Ball State | 11 | 501 | 1860 | 3.7 | 16 | 169.1 |
| Central Michigan | 11 | 443 | 1646 | 3.7 | 20 | 149.6 |
| Kent | 11 | 364 | 1623 | 4.5 | 10 | 147.5 |
| Western Michigan | 11 | 438 | 1533 | 3.5 | 13 | 139.4 |
| Marshall | 12 | 382 | 1651 | 4.3 | 17 | 137.6 |
| Northern Illinois | 11 | 465 | 1417 | 3.0 | 7 | 128.8 |
| Eastern Michigan | 11 | 370 | 1373 | 3.7 | 18 | 124.8 |
| Bowling Green | 11 | 407 | 952 | 2.3 | 13 | 86.5 |

| Passing Offense | G | Att | Cmp | Int | Pct | Yards | TD | YPG |
|------------------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| Marshall | 12 | 450 | 264 | 13 | .587 | 3688 | 41 | 307.3 |
| Eastern Michigan | 11 | 438 | 250 | 11 | .571 | 3314 | 23 | 301.3 |
| Kent | 11 | 450 | 235 | 16 | .522 | 3243 | 35 | 294.8 |
| Western Michigan | 11 | 333 | 194 | 13 | .583 | 2792 | 23 | 253.8 |
| Central Michigan | 11 | 414 | 198 | 13 | .478 | 2752 | 14 | 250.2 |
| Toledo | 12 | 438 | 234 | 9 | .534 | 2974 | 27 | 247.8 |
| Miami | 11 | 345 | 202 | 11 | .586 | 2591 | 16 | 235.5 |
| Bowling Green | 11 | 360 | 183 | 11 | .508 | 2328 | 9 | 211.6 |
| Ball State | 11 | 228 | 111 | 16 | .487 | 1646 | 13 | 149.6 |
| Northern Illinois | 11 | 246 | 120 | 7 | .488 | 1493 | 8 | 135.7 |
| Akron | 11 | 214 | 102 | 12 | .477 | 1304 | 7 | 118.5 |
| Ohio | 11 | 58 | 16 | 2 | .276 | 411 | 3 | 37.4 |

| Scoring Offense | G | TD | KX | OX | FG | SA | Pts | PPG |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|------|
| Marshall | 12 | 64 | 55 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 453 | 37.8 |
| Miami | 11 | 55 | 55 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 412 | 37.5 |
| Kent | 11 | 45 | 28 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 337 | 30.6 |
| Eastern Michigan | 11 | 42 | 37 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 329 | 29.9 |
| Toledo | 12 | 46 | 41 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 356 | 29.7 |
| Ohio | 11 | 40 | 36 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 301 | 27.4 |
| Western Michigan | 11 | 39 | 33 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 301 | 27.4 |
| Central Michigan | 11 | 36 | 33 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 282 | 25.6 |
| Ball State | 11 | 30 | 25 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 239 | 21.7 |
| Akron | 11 | 29 | 23 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 218 | 19.8 |
| Bowling Green | 11 | 24 | 23 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 191 | 17.4 |

| Northern Illinois | 11 | 16 | 13 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 129 | 11.7 |
|-------------------|----|----|-----|---------|-----|------|-------|------|
| TO Margin | FR | FL | Int | Had Int | Mar | | Mar/G | |
| Toledo | 13 | 7 | 12 | 9 | 9 | .75 | | |
| Ohio | 15 | 19 | 14 | 2 | 8 | .73 | | |
| Miami | 14 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 7 | .64 | | |
| Marshall | 16 | 12 | 15 | 13 | 6 | .50 | | |
| Eastern Michigan | 7 | 8 | 13 | 11 | 1 | .09 | | |
| Bowling Green | 16 | 9 | 3 | 11 | -1 | -.09 | | |
| Northern Illinois | 13 | 16 | 7 | 7 | -3 | -.27 | | |
| Akron | 9 | 8 | 7 | 12 | -4 | -.36 | | |
| Western Michigan | 13 | 14 | 9 | 13 | -5 | -.45 | | |
| Ball State | 7 | 6 | 10 | 16 | -5 | -.45 | | |
| Kent | 11 | 11 | 9 | 16 | -7 | -.64 | | |
| Central Michigan | 5 | 11 | 7 | 13 | -12 | -.09 | | |

| Total Defense | G | Plays | Yards | YPP | TD | YPG |
|-------------------|----|-------|-------|-----|----|-------|
| Miami | 11 | 745 | 3374 | 4.5 | 29 | 306.7 |
| Ohio | 11 | 782 | 3656 | 4.7 | 22 | 332.4 |
| Marshall | 12 | 873 | 4153 | 4.8 | 26 | 346.1 |
| Toledo | 12 | 817 | 4209 | 5.2 | 32 | 350.8 |
| Western Michigan | 11 | 821 | 3895 | 4.7 | 30 | 354.1 |
| Ball State | 11 | 795 | 4010 | 5.0 | 33 | 364.5 |
| Bowling Green | 11 | 738 | 4377 | 5.9 | 42 | 397.9 |
| Northern Illinois | 11 | 772 | 4704 | 6.1 | 47 | 427.6 |
| Eastern Michigan | 11 | 840 | 5195 | 6.2 | 43 | 472.3 |
| Central Michigan | 11 | 787 | 5240 | 6.7 | 63 | 476.4 |
| Kent | 11 | 784 | 5377 | 6.9 | 58 | 488.8 |
| Akron | 11 | 796 | 5444 | 6.8 | 57 | 494.9 |

| Rushing Defense | G | Plays | Yards | YPP | TD | YPG |
|-------------------|----|-------|-------|-----|----|-------|
| Ball State | 11 | 415 | 1383 | 3.3 | 12 | 125.7 |
| Toledo | 12 | 434 | 1539 | 3.5 | 17 | 128.3 |
| Ohio | 11 | 472 | 1567 | 3.3 | 12 | 142.5 |
| Miami | 11 | 474 | 1640 | 3.5 | 18 | 149.1 |
| Western Michigan | 11 | 459 | 1676 | 3.7 | 20 | 152.4 |
| Bowling Green | 11 | 454 | 1907 | 4.2 | 17 | 173.4 |
| Marshall | 12 | 551 | 2205 | 4.0 | 18 | 183.8 |
| Central Michigan | 11 | 420 | 2050 | 4.9 | 23 | 186.4 |
| Northern Illinois | 11 | 514 | 2639 | 5.1 | 26 | 239.9 |
| Eastern Michigan | 11 | 512 | 2703 | 5.3 | 26 | 245.7 |
| Akron | 11 | 489 | 2731 | 5.6 | 31 | 248.3 |
| Kent | 11 | 485 | 2877 | 5.9 | 40 | 261.5 |

| Passing Defense | G | Att | Comp | Int | Pct | Yards | TD | YPG |
|------------------------|----------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| Miami | 11 | 271 | 137 | 11 | .506 | 1734 | 11 | 157.6 |
| Marshall | 12 | 322 | 146 | 15 | .453 | 1948 | 8 | 162.3 |
| Northern Illinois | 11 | 258 | 147 | 7 | .570 | 2065 | 21 | 187.7 |
| Ohio | 11 | 310 | 154 | 14 | .497 | 2089 | 10 | 189.9 |
| Western Michigan | 11 | 362 | 179 | 9 | .494 | 2219 | 10 | 201.7 |
| Toledo | 12 | 383 | 201 | 12 | .525 | 2670 | 15 | 222.5 |
| Bowling Green | 11 | 284 | 164 | 3 | .577 | 2470 | 25 | 224.5 |
| Eastern Michigan | 11 | 328 | 176 | 13 | .537 | 2492 | 17 | 226.5 |
| Kent | 11 | 299 | 180 | 9 | .602 | 2500 | 18 | 227.3 |
| Ball State | 11 | 380 | 232 | 10 | .611 | 2627 | 21 | 238.8 |
| Akron | 11 | 307 | 192 | 7 | .625 | 2713 | 26 | 246.6 |
| Central Michigan | 11 | 367 | 220 | 7 | .599 | 3190 | 40 | 290.0 |

| Scoring Defense | G | TD | KX | OX | FG | SA | Pts | PPG |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Ohio | 11 | 23 | 19 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 177 | 16.1 |
| Marshall | 12 | 30 | 25 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 225 | 18.8 |
| Miami | 11 | 30 | 23 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 226 | 20.5 |
| Toledo | 12 | 34 | 29 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 268 | 22.3 |
| Ball State | 11 | 33 | 26 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 260 | 23.6 |
| Western Michigan | 11 | 35 | 32 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 265 | 24.1 |
| Bowling Green | 11 | 44 | 39 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 341 | 31.0 |
| Eastern Michigan | 11 | 45 | 39 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 352 | 32.0 |
| Northern Illinois | 11 | 51 | 48 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 382 | 34.7 |
| Akron | 11 | 60 | 58 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 435 | 39.5 |
| Central Michigan | 11 | 65 | 52 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 479 | 43.5 |
| Kent | 11 | 65 | 60 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 490 | 44.5 |

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MAC INDIVIDUAL STATS

| Total Offense | G | Plays | Yards | Avg | YPG |
|--------------------------|----|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| 1. Charlie Batch (EMU) | 11 | 519 | 3390 | 6.5 | 308.2 |
| 2. Jose Davis (KSU) | 10 | 414 | 2883 | 7.0 | 288.3 |
| 3. Chad Pennington (MAR) | 12 | 483 | 3421 | 7.1 | 285.1 |
| 4. Chris Wallace (UT) | 12 | 531 | 3187 | 6.0 | 265.6 |
| 5. Sam Ricketts (MU) | 11 | 400 | 2739 | 6.8 | 249.0 |
| 6. Tim Crowley (CMU) | 10 | 368 | 2164 | 5.9 | 216.4 |
| 7. Tim Lester (WMU) | 10 | 324 | 2058 | 6.4 | 205.8 |
| 8. Bob Niemet (BGSU) | 9 | 317 | 1715 | 5.4 | 190.6 |
| 9. Jake Jostett (BSU) | 11 | 329 | 1726 | 5.2 | 156.9 |
| 10. Travis Prentice (MU) | 11 | 296 | 1549 | 5.2 | 140.8 |

| Rushing | G | Att | Yards | Avg | TD | YPG |
|-------------------------|----|-----|-------|-----|----|-------|
| 1. Travis Prentice (MU) | 11 | 296 | 1549 | 5.2 | 25 | 140.8 |
| 2. Dwayne Harris (UT) | 10 | 254 | 1278 | 5.0 | 10 | 127.8 |
| 3. Robert Sanford (WMU) | 11 | 216 | 1033 | 4.8 | 11 | 93.9 |
| 4. Doug Chapman (MAR) | 10 | 157 | 908 | 5.8 | 10 | 90.8 |
| 5. Steve Hookfin (OU) | 10 | 159 | 864 | 5.4 | 9 | 86.4 |
| 6. Ivory Bryant (NIU) | 10 | 224 | 828 | 3.7 | 4 | 82.8 |
| 7. Eric Flowers (CMU) | 11 | 216 | 909 | 4.2 | 7 | 82.6 |
| 8. LeAndre Moore (BSU) | 11 | 173 | 884 | 5.1 | 7 | 80.4 |
| 9. Greg Lomax (UA) | 11 | 127 | 835 | 6.6 | 9 | 75.9 |
| 10. Kareem Wilson (OU) | 11 | 180 | 834 | 4.6 | 12 | 75.8 |

| Pass Eff. (Min. 9 Att/G) | G | Att | Comp | Int | Pct | Yards | TD | P.Eff |
|--------------------------|----|-----|------|-----|------|-------|----|-------|
| 1. Chad Pennington (MAR) | 12 | 428 | 253 | 12 | .591 | 3480 | 39 | 151.9 |
| 2. Tim Lester (WMU) | 10 | 268 | 154 | 11 | .575 | 2160 | 17 | 137.9 |
| 3. Jose Davis (KSU) | 10 | 364 | 194 | 14 | .533 | 2707 | 32 | 137.1 |
| 4. Charlie Batch (EMU) | 11 | 434 | 247 | 11 | .569 | 3280 | 23 | 132.8 |
| 5. Sam Ricketts (MU) | 11 | 324 | 188 | 10 | .580 | 2466 | 16 | 132.1 |
| 6. Chris Wallace (UT) | 12 | 433 | 232 | 9 | .536 | 2955 | 27 | 127.3 |
| 7. Jake Jostett (BSU) | 11 | 217 | 106 | 14 | .488 | 1569 | 13 | 116.4 |
| 8. Bob Niemet (BGSU) | 9 | 256 | 133 | 8 | .520 | 1723 | 8 | 112.6 |
| 9. Tim Crowley (CMU) | 10 | 321 | 148 | 10 | .461 | 2204 | 11 | 108.9 |
| 10. J. Washington (UA) | 10 | 108 | 49 | 6 | .454 | 526 | 1 | 78.2 |

| Receiving | G | No | Yards | TD | YPC | CPG |
|-------------------------|----|-----|-------|----|------|-----|
| 1. Eugene Baker (KSU) | 11 | 103 | 1549 | 18 | 15.0 | 9.4 |
| 2. Randy Moss (MAR) | 12 | 90 | 1647 | 25 | 18.3 | 7.5 |
| 3. Bryan Schorman (CMU) | 10 | 56 | 871 | 2 | 15.6 | 5.6 |
| 4. L. Colclough (MAR) | 12 | 66 | 862 | 8 | 13.1 | 5.5 |
| 5. Jay Hall (MU) | 11 | 54 | 861 | 6 | 15.9 | 4.9 |
| 6. D. Hamilton (BGSU) | 11 | 52 | 777 | 3 | 14.9 | 4.7 |
| 7. Savon Edwards (EMU) | 10 | 47 | 444 | 1 | 9.4 | 4.7 |
| 8. Reggie Allen (CMU) | 11 | 50 | 877 | 7 | 17.5 | 4.6 |
| 9. Ta-If Kumasi (EMU) | 9 | 39 | 710 | 5 | 18.2 | 4.3 |
| 10. Deon Mitchell (NIU) | 11 | 45 | 588 | 4 | 13.1 | 4.1 |

| All-Purpose Yards | G | Rush | Rec | PR | KR | Total | Avg |
|-------------------------|----|------|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| 1. Randy Moss (MAR) | 12 | 2 | 1647 | 266 | 263 | 2178 | 181.5 |
| 2. Dwayne Harris (UT) | 10 | 1278 | 229 | 0 | 28 | 1535 | 153.5 |
| 3. Travis Prentice (MU) | 11 | 1549 | 138 | 0 | 0 | 1687 | 153.4 |
| 4. Savon Edwards (EMU) | 10 | 627 | 444 | 0 | 422 | 1493 | 149.3 |
| 5. Eugene Baker (KSU) | 11 | 0 | 1549 | 8 | 0 | 1557 | 141.5 |
| 6. LeAndre Moore (BSU) | 11 | 884 | 61 | 0 | 576 | 1521 | 138.3 |
| 7. Deon Mitchell (NIU) | 11 | 35 | 588 | 45 | 821 | 1489 | 135.4 |
| 8. Greg Lomax (UA) | 11 | 835 | 167 | 0 | 269 | 1271 | 115.5 |
| 9. Reggie Allen (CMU) | 11 | 28 | 877 | 27 | 338 | 1270 | 115.5 |
| 10. Dan Myrick (CMU) | 9 | 292 | 6 | 0 | 680 | 978 | 108.7 |

| Scoring | G | TD | XPT | FG | Pts | PPG |
|-------------------------|----|----|-----|----|-----|------|
| 1. Travis Prentice (MU) | 11 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 13.6 |
| 2. Randy Moss (MAR) | 12 | 25 | 2 | 0 | 152 | 12.7 |
| 3. Eugene Baker (KSU) | 11 | 18 | 2 | 0 | 110 | 10.0 |
| 4. John Scott (MU) | 11 | 0 | 53 | 9 | 80 | 7.3 |
| 5. Dwayne Harris (UT) | 10 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 74 | 7.4 |
| 6. Justin Ventura (EMU) | 11 | 0 | 37 | 12 | 73 | 6.6 |
| 7. Kareem Wilson (OU) | 11 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 6.5 |
| 8. Jerome Adams (EMU) | 6 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 38 | 6.3 |
| 9. Chris Merrick (UT) | 12 | 0 | 41 | 11 | 74 | 6.2 |

| Punting | No | Yards | Avg |
|-------------------------|----|-------|------|
| 1. Mike Hayes (UA) | 53 | 2319 | 43.8 |
| 2. Kent McCullough (MU) | 41 | 1739 | 42.4 |
| 3. Matt Groff (KSU) | 54 | 2257 | 41.8 |
| 4. Andy Pollock (BGSU) | 66 | 2692 | 40.8 |
| 5. Gabe Lindstrom (UT) | 69 | 2797 | 40.5 |
| 6. Nick Avondet (EMU) | 54 | 2176 | 40.3 |
| 7. Michael Tinder (BSU) | 71 | 2852 | 40.2 |
| 8. Chris Hanson (MAR) | 53 | 2127 | 40.1 |
| 9. Kent Baker (NIU) | 70 | 2803 | 40.0 |
| 10. Jamie Stidham (UA) | 8 | 318 | 39.8 |

| Punt Returns (min 1.2/G) | No | Yards | TD | Avg |
|--------------------------|----|-------|----|------|
| 1. Steve Neal (WMU) | 14 | 204 | 1 | 14.6 |
| 2. Tim Geesman (BSU) | 19 | 222 | 0 | 11.7 |
| 3. Keijuan Douglas (EMU) | 24 | 280 | 0 | 11.7 |
| 4. Randy Moss (MAR) | 24 | 266 | 0 | 11.1 |
| 5. Jameel Turner (UT) | 23 | 223 | 0 | 9.7 |
| 6. Damon Pitt (CMU) | 15 | 107 | 0 | 7.1 |
| 7. Terry Loville (BGSU) | 31 | 211 | 0 | 6.8 |

| Kick Returns (min 1.2/G) | No | Yards | TD | Avg |
|---------------------------|----|-------|----|------|
| 1. Sean Williams (OU) | 18 | 475 | 0 | 26.4 |
| 2. DeMario Jones (MU) | 20 | 522 | 1 | 26.1 |
| 3. LeAndre Moore (BSU) | 23 | 576 | 1 | 25.0 |
| 4. Deon Mitchell (NIU) | 33 | 821 | 1 | 24.9 |
| 5. Savon Edwards (EMU) | 17 | 422 | 1 | 24.8 |
| 6. Mike Lagasse (UA) | 18 | 431 | 0 | 23.9 |
| 7. Leon Weathersby (BGSU) | 30 | 669 | 1 | 22.3 |
| 8. Dan Myrick (CMU) | 31 | 680 | 0 | 21.9 |
| 9. Ray Curry (UT) | 19 | 382 | 0 | 20.1 |
| 10. Reggie Allen (CMU) | 17 | 338 | 0 | 19.9 |

| Tackles | G | UT | AT | Total | TPG |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|-------|------|
| 1. Larry McCloud (MAR) | 10 | 78 | 64 | 142 | 14.2 |
| 2. T. Evans (WMU) | 11 | 80 | 53 | 133 | 12.1 |
| 2. Kevin O'Neill (BGSU) | 11 | 73 | 60 | 133 | 12.1 |
| 4. Howard Sims (BSU) | 11 | 68 | 56 | 124 | 11.3 |
| 5. Dustin Cohen (MU) | 11 | 65 | 55 | 120 | 10.9 |
| 6. JoJuan Armour (MU) | 11 | 61 | 50 | 111 | 10.1 |
| 7. Roger Terry (KSU) | 11 | 52 | 58 | 110 | 10.0 |
| 8. Nate Boyd (UA) | 11 | 50 | 55 | 105 | 9.5 |
| 8. D. Fitzgerald (OU) | 11 | 79 | 26 | 105 | 9.5 |
| 10. Steve Roon (WMU) | 11 | 64 | 40 | 104 | 9.5 |

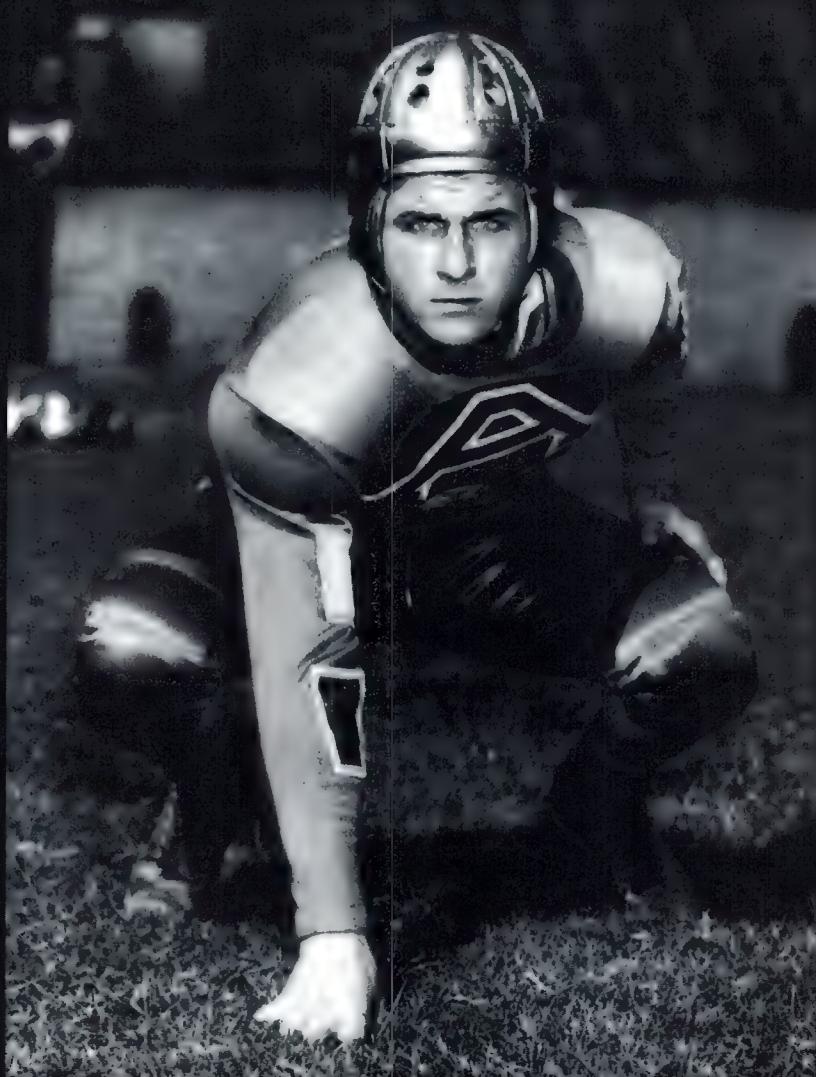
| Tackles for Loss | No | Yds Lost |
|--------------------------|----|----------|
| 1. JoJuan Armour (MU) | 24 | 121 |
| 2. John Grace (MAR) | 20 | 64 |
| 3. Jon McCall (CMU) | 18 | 87 |
| 4. Wilber McDonald (BSU) | 16 | 87 |
| 4. Chad Brightman (MU) | 16 | 71 |
| 6. Ryan Bauer (WMU) | 15 | 92 |
| 6. BJ Cohen (MAR) | 15 | 49 |
| 6. Joe O'Neill (BGSU) | 15 | 63 |
| 9. Kevin O'Neill (BGSU) | 14 | 44 |
| 10. Nate Wolkow (WMU) | 13 | 49 |

| Interceptions | G | No | Yds | TD | IPG |
|-------------------------|----|----|-----|----|------|
| 1. Tevell Jones (OU) | 11 | 7 | 36 | 0 | 0.64 |
| 2. Terry Reed (EMU) | 11 | 6 | 57 | 0 | 0.55 |
| 3. Keyon Laws (BSU) | 11 | 3 | 62 | 0 | 0.27 |
| 3. D. Fitzgerald (OU) | 11 | 3 | 58 | 0 | 0.27 |
| 3. Wayne Shaw (KSU) | 11 | 3 | 58 | 0 | 0.27 |
| 3. Jamie Taylor (MU) | 11 | 3 | 48 | 1 | 0.27 |
| 3. Howard Sims (BSU) | 11 | 3 | 19 | 0 | 0.27 |
| 8. Rogers Beckett (MAR) | 12 | 3 | 39 | 0 | 0.25 |
| 8. Clarence Love (UT) | 12 | 3 | 36 | 0 | 0.25 |
| 8. Larry Moore (MAR) | 12 | 3 | 21 | 0 | 0.25 |

FIFDS

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The late Dick Miller still holds the NCAA record for interceptions in one game with six against Baldwin-Wallace in 1937. He had 13 for the season.



Records/History

RUSHING



Mike Clark



James Black



Jack Reidleman

| ANNUAL LEADERS | | ATT | YDS | AVG | TD |
|----------------|------------------|-----|-------|------|----|
| 1997 | Greg Lomax | 127 | 835 | 6.6 | 9 |
| 1996 | Yasin Reeder | 168 | 781 | 4.6 | 8 |
| 1995 | Terrel Dixon | 143 | 463 | 3.2 | 1 |
| 1994 | DeShawn Brown | 152 | 588 | 3.9 | 2 |
| 1993 | Symeon Floyd | 82 | 371 | 4.5 | 3 |
| 1992 | Marcel Weems | 181 | 754 | 4.2 | 7 |
| 1991 | Tyrone Nelson | 142 | 769 | 5.4 | 7 |
| 1990 | Marcus Reliford | 177 | 684 | 3.9 | 7 |
| 1989 | Doug Lewis | 171 | 763 | 4.5 | 8 |
| 1988 | Doug Lewis | 119 | 609 | 5.1 | 3 |
| 1987 | Derek Alston | 160 | 689 | 4.3 | 1 |
| 1986 | Mike Clark | 245 | 1,786 | 7.3 | 8 |
| 1985 | Mike Clark | 301 | 1,299 | 4.3 | 13 |
| 1984 | Mike Clark | 258 | 1,172 | 4.5 | 4 |
| 1983 | James Black | 351 | 1,568 | 4.5 | 9 |
| 1982 | James Black | 306 | 1,188 | 3.9 | 6 |
| 1981 | Dennis Brumfield | 273 | 1,041 | 3.8 | 7 |
| 1980 | Dennis Brumfield | 254 | 1,000 | 3.9 | 5 |
| 1979 | Paul Winters | 318 | 1,298 | 4.1 | 2 |
| 1978 | Paul Winters | 177 | 806 | 4.6 | 3 |
| 1977 | Mark Hovanec | 137 | 535 | 3.9 | 4 |
| 1976 | Billy Mills | 161 | 659 | 4.1 | 4 |
| 1975 | Billy Mills | 219 | 830 | 3.8 | 4 |
| 1974 | Tom Wilhelm | 135 | 680 | 5.0 | 7 |
| 1973 | Billy Mills | 115 | 665 | 5.8 | 6 |
| 1972 | Calvin Pierce | 135 | 541 | 4.0 | 7 |
| 1971 | Calvin Pierce | 185 | 803 | 4.3 | 3 |
| 1970 | Jack Beidleman | 162 | 758 | 4.7 | 5 |
| 1969 | Jack Beidleman | 188 | 1,050 | 5.6 | 11 |
| 1968 | Jack Beidleman | 139 | 799 | 5.7 | 10 |
| 1967 | Tony Moro | 89 | 494 | 5.5 | 4 |
| 1966 | Ron Tyson | 215 | 926 | 4.3 | 11 |
| 1965 | Ron Tyson | 136 | 484 | 3.6 | 3 |
| 1964 | Pete Toto | 96 | 405 | 4.2 | 7 |
| 1963 | John Lahoski | 159 | 766 | 4.8 | 14 |
| 1962 | George Deo | 140 | 660 | 4.7 | 7 |
| 1961 | George Deo | 106 | 857 | 4.2 | 13 |
| 1960 | Frank Lomax | 78 | 281 | 3.6 | 1 |
| 1959 | Gino Calcei | 100 | 392 | 3.9 | 1 |
| 1958 | Art Bailey | 157 | 650 | 4.1 | 12 |
| 1957 | Art Bailey | 165 | 802 | 4.9 | 9 |
| 1956 | Ben Kimbrough | 58 | 290 | 5.0 | 4 |
| 1955 | Ben Kimbrough | 78 | 792 | 10.2 | 6 |
| 1954 | Buster Rizzo | 101 | 414 | 4.1 | 5 |

CAREER LEADERS G ATT YDS AVG YPG

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|----|-----|-------|-----|-------|
| Mike Clark—1984-86 | 32 | 804 | 4,257 | 5.3 | 133.0 |
| James Black—1980-83 | 31 | 731 | 3,054 | 4.2 | 98.5 |
| Jack Beidleman—1967-70 | 38 | 561 | 3,032 | 5.4 | 79.8 |
| Billy Mills—1973-76 | 39 | 629 | 2,816 | 4.5 | 72.2 |
| Paul Winters—1976-79 | 29 | 594 | 2,613 | 4.4 | 90.1 |
| Dennis Brumfield—1979-81 | 31 | 625 | 2,314 | 3.7 | 74.6 |
| Tom Wilhelm—1972-75 | 33 | 436 | 2,003 | 4.6 | 60.7 |
| George Deo—1960-63 | 33 | 453 | 1,939 | 4.3 | 58.8 |
| Doug Lewis—1988-90 | 32 | 414 | 1,861 | 4.5 | 58.1 |
| Calvin Pierce—1969-72 | 31 | 425 | 1,771 | 4.2 | 57.1 |
| Art Bailey—1952-58 | 30 | 410 | 1,755 | 4.3 | 58.5 |
| Derek Alston—1986-89 | 37 | 365 | 1,737 | 4.8 | 46.9 |
| Ron Lemon—1967-70 | 29 | 356 | 1,566 | 4.4 | 54.0 |

SEASON LEADERS G ATT YDS AVG YPG

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----|-----|-------|-----|-------|
| Mike Clark—1986 | 11 | 245 | 1,786 | 7.3 | 162.4 |
| James Black—1983 | 11 | 351 | 1,568 | 4.5 | 142.5 |
| Mike Clark—1985 | 11 | 301 | 1,299 | 4.3 | 118.1 |
| Paul Winters—1979 | 11 | 318 | 1,298 | 4.1 | 118.0 |
| James Black—1982 | 9 | 306 | 1,188 | 3.9 | 132.0 |
| Mike Clark—1984 | 10 | 258 | 1,172 | 4.5 | 117.2 |
| Jack Beidleman—1969 | 10 | 188 | 1,050 | 5.6 | 105.0 |
| Dennis Brumfield—1981 | 10 | 273 | 1,041 | 3.8 | 104.1 |
| Dennis Brumfield—1980 | 10 | 254 | 1,000 | 3.9 | 100.0 |
| Ron Tyson—1966 | 9 | 215 | 926 | 4.3 | 102.9 |
| George Deo—1961 | 9 | 205 | 857 | 4.2 | 107.1 |

GAME LEADERS

- 295 James Black (52) vs. Austin Peay, 11-19-83
255 Mike Clark (31) vs. Central Florida, 9-27-86
246 James Black (40) vs. Youngstown State, 11-5-83
243 Ron Tyson (42) vs. Northern Illinois, 10-29-66
229 Mike Clark (21) vs. Tennessee Tech, 11-1-86
220 Mike Clark (34) vs. Youngstown State, 11-21-86
216 Jack Beidleman (29) vs. Eastern Kentucky, 10-18-69
209 Mike Clark (36) vs. Cincinnati, 9-8-84
208 Dennis Brumfield (40) vs. Morehead State, 10-17-81
205 James Black (36) vs. Austin Peay, 11-20-82
201 Yasin Reeder (23) vs. Eastern Michigan, 11-9-96
200 Ty Cogswell (27) vs. Heidelberg, 9-21-57
200 Paul Winters (48) vs. Eastern Illinois, 11-17-79
199 Mike Clark (19) vs. Morehead State, 10-25-86
194 Mike Clark (26) vs. Eastern Michigan, 9-20-86
191 Anthony Green (40) vs. Tennessee Tech, 10-27-84
189 Paul Winters (36) vs. Western Illinois, 9-8-79
186 George Deo (41) vs. Ohio Wesleyan, 10-7-61
186 Dennis Brumfield (44) vs. Eastern Kentucky, 9-13-80
186 Mike Clark (48) vs. Western Kentucky, 10-5-85
185 James Black (40) vs. Morehead State, 10-15-83
184 Mike Clark (34) vs. Murray State, 10-16-86
183 James Black (47) vs. Tennessee Tech, 10-30-82
181 Mike Clark (43) vs. Tennessee Tech, 11-2-85
180 Mike Clark (29) vs. Morehead State, 10-19-85

LONGEST RUNS

| | |
|----|---|
| 95 | Jack Beidleman vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1969 |
| 95 | Paul Winters vs. Wayne State, 1978 |
| 92 | Greg Lomax vs. Ohio, 1997 |
| 89 | Art Bailey vs. Baldwin-Wallace, 1957 |
| 87 | Greg Lomax vs. Kent, 1997 |
| 85 | Tony Moro vs. Tampa, 1967 |
| 85 | Tim Stayer vs. Wayne State, 1978 |
| 83 | Yasin Reeder vs. Bowling Green, 1996 |
| 83 | Ben Kimbrough vs. Muskingum, 1955 |
| 80 | Ken "Red" Cochrane vs. Kent, 1930 |
| 80 | Ben Kimbrough vs. Otterbein, 1955 |
| 80 | Ron Tyson vs. Northern Illinois, 1966 |
| 80 | Jack Beidleman vs. Youngstown State, 1969 |
| 80 | Marcel Weems vs. Ohio, 1992 |
| 80 | Yasin Reeder vs. Eastern Michigan, 1996 |
| 76 | Jack Beidleman vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1968 |
| 76 | Greg Thurman vs. Eastern Michigan, 1976 |
| 73 | Chris Rooney vs. Kent, 1996 |
| 70 | Paul Winters vs. Dayton, 1977 |

YARDS GAINED

Quarter: 135 by James Black vs. Youngstown State, 1983 (2nd)
Half: 190 by James Black vs. Youngstown State, 1983 (1st)
Game: 295 by James Black vs. Austin Peay, 1983
Season: 1,786 by Mike Clark, 1986
Career: 4,257 by Mike Clark, 1984-86

Per Game

Season: 162.4 by Mike Clark, 1986 (1,786 in 11)
Career: 133.0 by Mike Clark, 1984-86 (4,257 in 32)

By Class

Freshman:

Game: 155 by Ben Kimbrough vs. Otterbein, 1955
Season: 792 by Ben Kimbrough, 1955

Sophomore:

Game: 243 by Ron Tyson vs. Northern Illinois, 1966
Season: 1,172 by Mike Clark, 1984

Junior:

Game: 216 by Jack Beidleman vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1969
Season: 1,299 by Mike Clark, 1985

Senior:

Game: 295 by James Black vs. Austin Peay, 1983
Season: 1,786 by Mike Clark, 1986

RUSHES

Quarter: 15 by James Black vs. Austin Peay, 1983 (4th)
Half: 29 by James Black vs. Austin Peay, 1983 (2nd)
Game: 52 by James Black vs. Austin Peay, 1983; 48 by Paul Winters vs. E. Illinois, 1979; 48 by Mike Clark vs. Western Kentucky
Season: 351 by James Black, 1983
Career: 804 by Mike Clark, 1984-86

Per Game

Season: 31.9 by James Black, 1983 (351 in 11)
Career: 25.1 by Mike Clark, 1984-86 (804 in 32)

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Game: 5 by Terry Cameron vs. Northern Iowa, 1978
Season: 14 by John Lahoski, 1963



Current Zip assistant Paul Winters is No. 5 on the all-time rushing list.

Career: 29 by Jack Beidleman, 1967-70

Most Games Gaining 100 Yards or More

Season: 9 by Mike Clark, 1986
Career: 24 by Mike Clark, 1984-86

Most Consecutive Games Gaining 100 Yards or More

6 by Mike Clark, 1985 (9/14-10/19); 1986 (10/16-11/21)

Most Games Gaining 200 Yards or More

Season: 3 by Mike Clark, 1986
Career: 4 by Mike Clark, 1984-86

Most Yards Gained in Consecutive Games

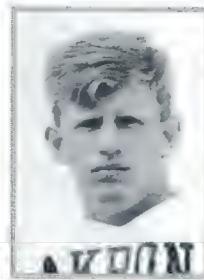
2 Games: 541 by James Black, 1983 (246 vs. Youngstown State and 295 vs. Austin Peay)
 3 Games: 682 by James Black, 1983 (141 vs. Tennessee Tech, 246 vs. Youngstown State, and 295 vs. Austin Peay)
 4 Games: 756 by James Black, 1983 (74 vs. Murray State, 141 vs. Tenn. Tech, 246 vs. Youngstown St., and 295 vs. Austin Peay)
 5 Games: 941 by James Black, 1983 (185 vs. Morehead State, 74 vs. Murray State, 141 vs. Tennessee Tech, 246 vs. Youngstown State, and 295 vs. Austin Peay)

Highest Average Gain per Rush

Game: (Min. 10 rushes) 17.7 by DeShawn Brown vs. Ohio, 1993 (10 for 177)
 (Min. 20 rushes) 10.9 by Mike Clark vs. Tennessee Tech, 1986 (21 for 229)
 (Min. 30 rushes) 8.2 by Mike Clark vs. Central Florida, 1986 (31 for 255)
Season: (Min. 75 rushes) 10.2 by Ben Kimbrough, 1955 (78 for 792)
 (Min. 175 rushes) 7.3 by Mike Clark, 1986 (245 for 1,786)
Career: (Min. 125 rushes) 7.9 by Ben Kimbrough, 1955-56 (136 for 1,082)
 (Min. 300 rushes) 5.4 by Jack Beidleman, 1967-70 (561 for 3,032)

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PASSING

**Mike Johnson****Vernon Stewart****Don Zwisler**

| | | ATT | CMP | INT | TD | PCT | YDS |
|------|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|------|-------|
| 1997 | Greg Gromek | 101 | 50 | 6 | 5 | .495 | 715 |
| 1996 | Mike Junko | 125 | 60 | 7 | 5 | .480 | 705 |
| 1995 | Mike Junko | 148 | 78 | 7 | 5 | .527 | 864 |
| 1994 | Brian Magrell | 79 | 44 | 6 | 2 | .557 | 548 |
| 1993 | Marcel Weems | 163 | 72 | 9 | 3 | .442 | 1,157 |
| 1992 | Marcel Weems | 201 | 101 | 10 | 5 | .502 | 1,383 |
| 1991 | Jeff Sweitzer | 220 | 101 | 15 | 10 | .459 | 1,599 |
| 1990 | Jeff Sweitzer | 186 | 87 | 10 | 7 | .468 | 1,133 |
| 1989 | Mike Johnson | 299 | 139 | 11 | 9 | .465 | 1,819 |
| 1988 | Mike Johnson | 299 | 142 | 15 | 11 | .475 | 2,170 |
| 1987 | Andy Kubik | 313 | 131 | 1 | 10 | .418 | 1,675 |
| 1986 | Vernon Stewart | 163 | 84 | 12 | 7 | .515 | 1,200 |
| 1985 | Vernon Stewart | 210 | 94 | 15 | 7 | .448 | 1,413 |
| 1984 | Vernon Stewart | 206 | 80 | 15 | 5 | .388 | 1,233 |
| 1983 | Steve Stams | 76 | 24 | 8 | 5 | .316 | 438 |
| 1982 | Kevin Meade | 148 | 76 | 10 | 7 | .510 | 1,080 |
| 1981 | Ron Gliha | 117 | 50 | 11 | 1 | .427 | 646 |
| 1980 | Kevin Meade | 107 | 44 | 9 | 2 | .411 | 577 |
| 1979 | Bob Maxwell | 174 | 86 | 11 | 11 | .494 | 1,217 |
| 1978 | Bob Maxwell | 119 | 60 | 6 | 2 | .504 | 789 |
| 1977 | Rick Beeman | 109 | 45 | 5 | 2 | .413 | 563 |
| 1976 | Marty Bezbatchenko | 127 | 60 | 11 | 7 | .472 | 872 |
| 1975 | Tom Kot | 147 | 61 | 9 | 5 | .415 | 965 |
| 1974 | Tom Kot | 156 | 73 | 12 | 7 | .467 | 1,039 |
| 1973 | Eric Schoch | 174 | 97 | 10 | 10 | .557 | 1,316 |
| 1972 | Eric Schoch | 157 | 79 | 9 | 5 | .500 | 956 |
| 1971 | Eric Schoch | 75 | 39 | 9 | 7 | .520 | 665 |
| 1970 | Mic Hutton | 161 | 63 | 8 | 7 | .391 | 1,058 |
| 1969 | Mic Hutton | 175 | 81 | 12 | 15 | .463 | 1,491 |
| 1968 | Don Zwisler | 244 | 135 | 14 | 13 | .553 | 2,012 |
| 1967 | Don Zwisler | 175 | 65 | 14 | 2 | .371 | 867 |
| 1966 | Don Zwisler | 81 | 29 | 6 | 2 | .258 | 418 |
| 1965 | Mike Martin | 214 | 94 | 16 | 5 | .439 | 1,182 |
| 1964 | Mike Martin | 79 | 33 | 4 | 2 | .418 | 410 |
| 1963 | Ron Boruszkowski | 83 | 34 | 6 | 4 | .410 | 468 |
| 1962 | Joe Mackey | 46 | 24 | 2 | 5 | .522 | 491 |
| 1961 | Joe Mackey | 72 | 42 | 7 | 6 | .583 | 607 |
| 1960 | Marco Burnette | 157 | 65 | 11 | 0 | .414 | 599 |
| 1959 | John Stone | 231 | 102 | 22 | 3 | .441 | 1,196 |
| 1958 | John Stone | 81 | 42 | 6 | 6 | .519 | 439 |
| 1957 | Tom Boggs | 71 | 40 | 4 | 9 | .563 | 610 |
| 1956 | Tom Boggs | 97 | 51 | 7 | 9 | .526 | 810 |
| 1955 | Tom Boggs | 95 | 42 | 8 | 10 | .442 | 662 |
| 1954 | Marion Rossi | 103 | 45 | 13 | 6 | .437 | 836 |

CAREER LEADERS

| | G | ATT | CMP | INT | TD | YDS | PCT | YPG |
|------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|------|-------|
| Mike Johnson—1988-89 | 22 | 598 | 281 | 26 | 20 | 3,989 | .470 | 181.3 |
| Vernon Stewart—1983-86 | 36 | 596 | 263 | 44 | 20 | 3,945 | .441 | 109.6 |
| Don Zwisler—1965-68 | 27 | 501 | 229 | 34 | 20 | 3,297 | .457 | 122.1 |
| Mic Hutton—1969-71 | 29 | 439 | 185 | 28 | 25 | 3,142 | .421 | 108.3 |
| Eric Schoch—1971-73 | 30 | 406 | 215 | 28 | 22 | 2,937 | .530 | 97.9 |
| Jeff Sweitzer—1988-91 | 27 | 408 | 189 | 25 | 17 | 2,744 | .463 | 101.6 |
| Marcel Weems—1991-93 | 27 | 387 | 184 | 20 | 8 | 2,736 | .475 | 101.3 |
| John Stone—1956-59 | 30 | 395 | 191 | 30 | 16 | 2,270 | .484 | 75.7 |
| Tom Boggs—1955-57 | 25 | 263 | 133 | 19 | 28 | 2,082 | .506 | 83.3 |
| Bob Maxwell—1978-79 | 22 | 293 | 146 | 17 | 13 | 2,006 | .498 | 91.2 |
| Tom Kot—1974-75 | 21 | 303 | 134 | 21 | 12 | 2,004 | .442 | 95.4 |
| Mike Martin—1964-66 | 21 | 361 | 147 | 27 | 8 | 1,966 | .407 | 93.6 |
| Andy Kubik—1986-87 | 16 | 354 | 150 | 15 | 11 | 1,923 | .424 | 120.2 |
| Kevin Meade—1979-82 | 25 | 277 | 128 | 22 | 9 | 1,799 | .462 | 71.9 |

SEASON LEADERS

| | G | ATT | CMP | INT | TD | YDS | PCT | YPG |
|---------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|------|-------|
| Mike Johnson—1988 | 11 | 299 | 142 | 15 | 11 | 2,170 | .475 | 197.3 |
| Don Zwisler—1968 | 10 | 244 | 135 | 14 | 13 | 2,012 | .553 | 201.2 |
| Mike Johnson—1989 | 11 | 299 | 139 | 11 | 9 | 1,819 | .465 | 165.4 |
| Andy Kubik—1987 | 11 | 313 | 131 | 13 | 10 | 1,675 | .418 | 152.3 |
| Jeff Sweitzer—1991 | 11 | 220 | 101 | 15 | 10 | 1,599 | .459 | 145.6 |
| Mic Hutton—1969 | 10 | 175 | 81 | 12 | 15 | 1,419 | .486 | 141.9 |
| Vernon Stewart—1985 | 11 | 210 | 94 | 15 | 7 | 1,413 | .448 | 128.5 |
| Marcel Weems—1992 | 11 | 201 | 101 | 10 | 5 | 1,383 | .502 | 125.7 |
| Eric Schoch—1973 | 11 | 174 | 97 | 10 | 10 | 1,316 | .557 | 119.6 |
| Vernon Stewart—1984 | 10 | 206 | 80 | 15 | 5 | 1,233 | .388 | 123.3 |
| Bob Maxwell—1979 | 11 | 174 | 86 | 11 | 11 | 1,217 | .494 | 110.6 |
| Vernon Stewart—1986 | 11 | 163 | 84 | 12 | 7 | 1,200 | .515 | 109.1 |
| John Stone—1959 | 9 | 231 | 102 | 22 | 3 | 1,196 | .442 | 132.9 |
| Mike Martin—1965 | 9 | 214 | 94 | 16 | 5 | 1,182 | .439 | 131.3 |
| Marcel Weems—1993 | 9 | 163 | 72 | 9 | 3 | 1,157 | .442 | 128.6 |
| Jeff Sweitzer—1990 | 8 | 186 | 87 | 10 | 7 | 1,133 | .468 | 141.6 |
| Kevin Meade—1982 | 11 | 148 | 76 | 10 | 7 | 1,080 | .514 | 98.2 |
| Mic Hutton—1970 | 10 | 161 | 63 | 8 | 7 | 1,058 | .391 | 105.8 |
| Tom Kot—1974 | 10 | 156 | 73 | 12 | 7 | 1,039 | .468 | 103.9 |

GAME LEADERS (Comp-Att-Int-TD)

| | |
|-----|---|
| 347 | Brian Magrell (25-40-2-1) vs. Ball State, 11-12-94 |
| 339 | Jeff Sweitzer (22-46-3-1) vs. Youngstown State, 9-29-90 |
| 318 | Mike Johnson (18-43-2-1) vs. Eastern Illinois, 10-14-89 |
| 312 | Don Zwisler (22/33-1-3) vs. Youngstown State, 11-22-68 |
| 308 | Mic Hutton (15-26-2-3) vs. Youngstown State, 11-8-69 |
| 307 | Don Zwisler (15-26-1-2) vs. Baldwin-Wallace, 11-9-68 |
| 307 | Mic Hutton (15-28-1-3) vs. Butler, 9-15-69 |
| 301 | Tom Boggs (17-29-1-4) vs. Ohio Wesleyan, 10-13-56 |
| 285 | Mic Hutton (13-17-0-4) vs. Ball State, 10-4-69 |
| 264 | Mike Johnson (17-34-0-0) vs. New Mexico, 9-24-88 |
| 263 | Greg Gromek (16-24-0-3) vs. Central Michigan, 10-4-97 |
| 253 | Mike Johnson (15-31-1-1) vs. Central Michigan, 9-17-88 |
| 252 | Eric Schoch (20-36-1-1) vs. Temple, 9-8-73 |
| 251 | Andy Kubik (19-41-2-1) vs. Western Michigan, 9-15-87 |
| 247 | Marcel Weems (13-19-0-0) vs. Temple, 10-23-93 |
| 246 | Don Zwisler (13-18-1-1) vs. Illinois State, 11-2-68 |
| 244 | Marcel Weems (10-19-0-2) vs. Kent, 9-11-93 |
| 241 | Andy Kubik (14-31-0-2) vs. Nicholls State, 10-31-87 |
| 237 | Vernon Stewart (19-32-2-1) vs. Kent, 9-1-84 |
| 236 | Mike Johnson (12-19-0-3) vs. Youngstown State, 10-1-88 |
| 235 | Mike Johnson (18-35-2-0) vs. Northern Illinois, 9-3-88 |

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LONGEST PASS PLAY

| | |
|----|--|
| 92 | Tom Kot to Greg Thurman vs. Indiana State, 1974 |
| 87 | Marcel Weems to Jeff Blakely vs. Temple, 1993 |
| 85 | Marion Rossi to John Verdon vs. Mount Union, 1953 |
| 84 | Andy Kubik to Cornel Penland vs. Louisville, 1987 |
| 80 | Mic Hutton to Jack Beidleman vs. Tampa, 1969 |
| 79 | Vernon Stewart to Willie Davis vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1984 |
| 79 | Jeff Sweitzer to Harold Robinson vs. Temple, 1991 |
| 77 | Greg Gromek to Devon Scott vs. Bowling Green, 1996 |
| 75 | Eric Schoch to Mac Thomas vs. Youngstown State, 1973 |
| 73 | Mike Junko to Lew Lawhorn vs. Central Michigan, 1995 |
| 72 | John Cistone to Buster Rizzo vs. Case Tech, 1951 |
| 72 | Don Zwisler to Dan Ruff vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1968 |
| 71 | Eric Schoch to Mac Thomas vs. Northern Michigan, 1973 |
| 70 | Marty Bezbatchenko to Terry Cameron vs. Western Ill., 1978 |
| 70 | Vernon Stewart to Willie Davis vs. Eastern Michigan, 1985 |

PASSES ATTEMPTED - GAME

| | |
|----|--|
| 51 | Marco Burnette vs. Muskingum, 1960 |
| 46 | Jeff Sweitzer vs. Youngstown State, 1990 |
| 44 | John Stone vs. Youngstown State, 1959 |
| 44 | Don Zwisler vs. Youngstown State, 1968 |
| 43 | Mike Johnson vs. Eastern Illinois, 1989 |

PASSES COMPLETED - GAME

| | |
|----|---|
| 25 | Brian Magrell vs. Ball State, 11-12-94 |
| 22 | Marco Burnette vs. Muskingum, 10-19-60 |
| 22 | Don Zwisler vs. Youngstown State, 11-22-68 |
| 22 | Jeff Sweitzer vs. Youngstown State, 9-29-90 |
| 20 | Eric Schoch vs. Temple, 9-8-73 |
| 19 | Vernon Stewart vs. Kent, 9-1-84 |
| 19 | Andy Kubik vs. Western Michigan, 9-15-87 |
| 18 | Frank "Whitey" Wahl vs. Kent, 1946 |
| 18 | Andy Kubik vs. Northern Illinois, 11-14-87 |
| 18 | Mike Johnson vs. Northern Illinois, 9-3-88 |
| 18 | Mike Johnson vs. Bowling Green, 9-30-89 |
| 18 | Mike Johnson vs. Eastern Illinois, 10-14-89 |
| 18 | Mike Junko vs. Ohio, 10-21-95 |
| 17 | Tom Boggs vs. Ohio Wesleyan, 10-13-56 |
| 17 | Bob Maxwell vs. Indiana State, 9-29-79 |
| 17 | Vernon Stewart vs. Austin Peay, 11-23-85 |
| 17 | Mike Johnson vs. New Mexico, 9-24-88 |
| 17 | Brian Magrell vs. Eastern Michigan, 9-2-95 |
| 16 | John Stone vs. Wittenberg, 11-14-59 |
| 16 | Greg Gromek vs. Central Michigan, 10-4-97 |

Percentage of Passes Completed

Game: (Min. 10 comp.) .789 by Mike Johnson vs. New Mexico State, 1988 (15 of 19)
 Season: (Min. 150 atts.) .557 by Eric Schoch, 1973 (97 of 174); (Min. 175 att.) .532 by Don Zwisler, 1968 (143 of 265)
 Career: (Min. 400 atts.) .530 by Eric Schoch, 1971-73, (215 of 406)

Touchdown Passes

Game: 4 by Tom Boggs vs. Oberlin, 1955, and vs. Ohio Wesleyan, 1956; by John Stone vs. Denison, 1958; by Mic Hutton vs. Ball State, 1969; by Eric Schoch vs. Southern Illinois, 1971.
 Season: 15 by Mic Hutton, 1969
 Career: 28 by Tom Boggs, 1955-57

Completions, Yards by Class

Freshman:

Game (Cmp): 25 by Brian Magrell vs. Ball State, 1994 (40 atts.)
Game (Yds): 347 by Brian Magrell vs. Ball State, 1994
Season (Cmp): 81 by Mic Hutton, 1969 (175 atts.)
Season (Yds): 1,419 by Mic Hutton, 1969

Sophomore:

Game (Cmp): 19 by Vernon Stewart vs. Kent, 1984 (32 atts.), 19 by Andy Kubik vs. Western Michigan, 1987 (41 atts.)

Game (Yds): 263 by Greg Gromek vs. Central Michigan, 1997

Season (Cmp): 131 by Andy Kubik, 1987 (313 atts.)

Season (Yds): 1,675 by Andy Kubik, 1987

Junior:

Game (Cmp): 22 by Jeff Sweitzer vs. Youngstown St., '90 (46 atts)

Game (Yds): 339 by Jeff Sweitzer vs. Youngstown State, 1990

Season (Cmp): 142 by Mike Johnson, 1988 (299 attempts)

Season (Yds): 2,170 by Mike Johnson, 1988

Senior:

Game (Cmp): 22 by Marco Burnette vs. Muskingum, 1960 (51 atts.)
 22 by Don Zwisler vs. Youngstown State, 1968 (33 atts.)

Game (Yds): 318 by Mike Johnson vs. Eastern Illinois, 1989

Season (Cmp): 141 by Don Zwisler, 1968 (265 attempts)

Season (Yds): 2,012 by Don Zwisler, 1968

Most Passes Completed

Season: 142 by Mike Johnson, 1988 (299 attempts)

Career: 281 by Mike Johnson, 1988-89 (598 attempts)

Most Passes Completed per Game

Season: 12.9 by Mike Johnson, 1988 (142 in 11)

Career: 12.8 by Mike Johnson, 1988-89 (281 in 22)

Most Yards Gained in Consecutive Games

4 Games: 1,004 by Don Zwisler, 1968 (246 vs. Illinois State, 307 vs. Baldwin-Wallace, 139 vs. Western Kentucky, and 312 vs. Youngstown State)

Most Yards Gained per Completion

Game: (Min. 10 comp.) 22.7 by Eric Schoch vs. Southern Illinois, 1971 (10 for 227); (Min. 15 comp.) 20.5 by Mic Hutton vs. Youngstown State, 1969 (15 for 308)

Most Passes Completed in Consecutive Games

2 Games: 35 by Don Zwisler, 1968 (13 vs. Western Kentucky and 22 vs. Youngstown State)

3 Games: 50 by Don Zwisler, 1968 (15 vs. Baldwin-Wallace, 13 vs. Western Kentucky, and 22 vs. YSU)

4 Games: 63 by Don Zwisler, 1968 (13 vs. Illinois State, 15 vs. Baldwin-Wallace, 13 vs. Western Kentucky, and 22 vs. YSU)

5 Games: 74 by Mike Johnson, 1988 (18 vs. Northern Illinois, 12 vs. Kent, 15 vs. Central Michigan, 17 vs. New Mexico, 12 vs. YSU)

Most Yards Gained

Half: 220 by Greg Gromek vs. Central Michigan, 1997 (1st)

Most Passes had Intercepted

Game: 7 by John Stone vs. Wittenberg, 1959

Season: 22 by John Stone, 1960

Career: 44 by Vernon Stewart, 1983-86

Most Consecutive Passes Attempted Without Interception

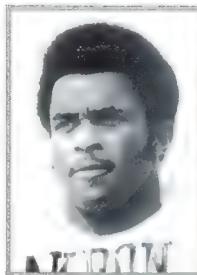
Season: 98 by Mike Johnson, 1989

Lowest Percentage of Passes Intercepted

Season: (Min. 50 atts.) .019 by John Stone, 1956 (1 in 53 atts.); (Min. 150 atts.) .037 by Mike Johnson, 1989 (11 in 299)

Career: (Min. 200 atts.) .041 by Andy Kubik, 1987-89 (15 in 354)

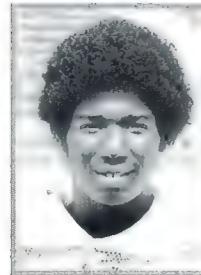
RECEIVING



Dan Ruff



James White



Willie Davis

| | | G | NO | YDS | YPC | TD | CPG |
|------|-----------------|----|----|-------|------|----|-----|
| 1997 | Willie Spencer | 11 | 43 | 521 | 12.1 | 2 | 3.9 |
| 1996 | Devon Scott | 11 | 30 | 399 | 13.3 | 1 | 2.7 |
| 1995 | Eddie Alford | 9 | 46 | 591 | 11.8 | 3 | 5.1 |
| 1994 | DeShawn Brown | 11 | 20 | 255 | 12.8 | 1 | 1.8 |
| 1993 | Kenny Chapman | 10 | 31 | 636 | 20.5 | 4 | 3.1 |
| 1992 | Kenny Chapman | 11 | 36 | 581 | 16.1 | 1 | 3.3 |
| 1991 | Harold Robinson | 11 | 37 | 779 | 21.1 | 3 | 3.4 |
| 1990 | Bradford Jones | 11 | 17 | 221 | 13.0 | 1 | 1.5 |
| 1989 | Leonard Thomas | 11 | 28 | 359 | 12.8 | 2 | 2.5 |
| 1988 | Leonard Thomas | 11 | 44 | 654 | 14.9 | 5 | 4.0 |
| 1987 | Kurt Latell | 11 | 35 | 466 | 13.3 | 1 | 3.2 |
| 1986 | Chris Kelley | 11 | 31 | 480 | 15.5 | 4 | 2.8 |
| 1985 | Willie Davis | 11 | 52 | 814 | 15.6 | 5 | 4.7 |
| 1984 | Willie Davis | 11 | 51 | 878 | 17.2 | 2 | 4.6 |
| 1983 | Rick Bailey | 11 | 33 | 536 | 16.2 | 5 | 3.0 |
| 1982 | Rick Bailey | 11 | 33 | 555 | 16.8 | 2 | 3.0 |
| 1981 | James White | 10 | 26 | 371 | 14.3 | 0 | 2.6 |
| 1980 | Pat Snow | 11 | 29 | 392 | 13.5 | 3 | 2.6 |
| 1979 | James White | 11 | 38 | 489 | 12.9 | 5 | 3.5 |
| 1978 | James White | 11 | 25 | 312 | 12.5 | 1 | 2.3 |
| 1977 | Ron Fuller | 11 | 20 | 350 | 17.5 | 1 | 1.8 |
| 1976 | Glenn Evans | 10 | 29 | 393 | 13.6 | 4 | 2.9 |
| 1975 | Glenn Evans | 11 | 32 | 458 | 14.3 | 2 | 2.9 |
| 1974 | Ron Fuller | 10 | 26 | 406 | 15.6 | 2 | 2.4 |
| 1973 | Mac Thomas | 11 | 37 | 713 | 19.3 | 6 | 3.4 |
| 1972 | Mac Thomas | 9 | 28 | 428 | 15.3 | 2 | 3.1 |
| 1971 | Mac Thomas | 10 | 31 | 597 | 19.2 | 7 | 3.1 |
| 1970 | Dan Ruff | 10 | 37 | 676 | 18.3 | 5 | 3.7 |
| 1969 | Dan Ruff | 10 | 33 | 757 | 22.9 | 10 | 3.3 |
| 1968 | Dan Ruff | 10 | 52 | 1,041 | 20.0 | 11 | 5.2 |
| 1967 | Jerry Malizia | 9 | 13 | 268 | 20.6 | 1 | 1.4 |
| 1966 | Tom Flaherty | 9 | 11 | 139 | 12.6 | 0 | 1.2 |
| 1965 | Craig Hartz | 9 | 26 | 241 | 9.3 | 1 | 2.9 |
| 1964 | Ray Glinsky | 9 | 31 | 446 | 14.3 | 2 | 3.4 |
| 1963 | Ray Glinsky | 9 | 26 | 562 | 21.6 | 4 | 2.9 |
| 1962 | Ray Glinsky | 9 | 17 | 211 | 12.4 | 2 | 1.9 |
| 1961 | Tom Adolph | 8 | 13 | 313 | 24.1 | 2 | 1.6 |
| 1960 | Jim Lupori | 9 | 39 | 422 | 10.8 | 1 | 4.3 |
| 1959 | Bruce Mackey | 9 | 22 | 287 | 13.0 | 1 | 2.4 |
| 1958 | John Rainey | 9 | 15 | 155 | 10.3 | 1 | 1.7 |
| 1957 | John Rainey | 9 | 12 | 206 | 17.2 | 4 | 1.3 |
| 1956 | Gene White | 9 | 15 | 238 | 15.9 | 2 | 1.7 |
| 1955 | Gene White | 8 | 15 | 186 | 12.4 | 2 | 1.9 |
| 1954 | John Verdon | 8 | 30 | 468 | 15.6 | 1 | 3.8 |

CAREER LEADERS

| | G | NO | YD5 | YPC | TD | CPG |
|-------------------------|----|-----|-------|------|----|-----|
| Dan Ruff—1967-70 | 37 | 127 | 2,531 | 19.9 | 27 | 3.4 |
| James White—1977-81 | 35 | 106 | 1,367 | 12.9 | 6 | 3.0 |
| Willie Davis—1983-85 | 31 | 104 | 1,718 | 16.5 | 7 | 3.4 |
| Mac Thomas—1970-73 | 35 | 96 | 1,738 | 18.1 | 15 | 2.7 |
| Ron Fuller—1974-77 | 45 | 87 | 1,531 | 17.6 | 6 | 1.9 |
| Jack Beidleman—1967-70 | 38 | 86 | 1,414 | 16.4 | 7 | 2.3 |
| Ray Glinsky—1961-64 | 25 | 75 | 1,230 | 16.4 | 9 | 3.0 |
| Pat Snow—1978-81 | 39 | 73 | 1,203 | 16.5 | 7 | 1.9 |
| Leonard Thomas—1988-89 | 22 | 72 | 1,013 | 14.1 | 7 | 3.3 |
| Bob Clayton—1972-74 | 24 | 69 | 784 | 11.4 | 3 | 2.9 |
| Kenny Chapman—1992-93 | 21 | 67 | 1,217 | 18.2 | 5 | 3.2 |
| Rick Bailey—1982-83 | 22 | 66 | 1,091 | 16.5 | 7 | 3.0 |
| Harold Robinson—1988-91 | 40 | 65 | 1,376 | 21.2 | 6 | 1.6 |
| Glenn Evans—1975-76 | 18 | 61 | 851 | 13.9 | 6 | 3.4 |

SEASON LEADERS

| | G | NO | YDS | YPC | TD | CPG |
|-----------------------|----|----|-------|------|----|-----|
| Dan Ruff—1968 | 10 | 52 | 1,041 | 20.0 | 11 | 5.2 |
| Willie Davis—1985 | 11 | 52 | 814 | 15.6 | 5 | 4.7 |
| Willie Davis—1984 | 11 | 51 | 878 | 17.2 | 2 | 4.6 |
| Eddie Alford—1995 | 9 | 46 | 591 | 11.8 | 3 | 5.1 |
| Leonard Thomas—1988 | 11 | 44 | 654 | 14.9 | 5 | 4.0 |
| Willie Spencer — 1997 | 11 | 43 | 521 | 12.1 | 2 | 3.9 |
| Jim Lupori—1960 | 9 | 39 | 422 | 10.8 | 1 | 4.3 |
| James White—1979 | 11 | 38 | 489 | 12.9 | 5 | 3.5 |
| Dan Ruff—1970 | 10 | 37 | 676 | 18.3 | 5 | 3.7 |
| Mac Thomas—1973 | 11 | 37 | 713 | 19.3 | 6 | 3.4 |
| Harold Robinson—1991 | 11 | 37 | 779 | 21.1 | 3 | 3.4 |
| Kenny Chapman—1992 | 11 | 36 | 581 | 16.1 | 1 | 3.3 |
| Kurt Latell—1987 | 11 | 35 | 466 | 13.3 | 1 | 3.2 |

GAME LEADERS

| | |
|----|--|
| 13 | Jim Lupori vs. Muskingum, 10-29-60 |
| 13 | Willie Davis vs. Kent, 9-1-84 |
| 11 | Bob Clayton vs. Temple, 9-22-73 |
| 11 | James White vs. Indiana State, 9-29-79 |
| 11 | Willie Davis vs. Austin Peay, 11-23-85 |
| 11 | Eddie Alford vs. Western Michigan, 10-7-95 |
| 10 | DeShawn Brown vs. Ball State, 11-12-94 |
| 9 | Ron Fuller vs. Marshall, 10-20-76 |
| 9 | Willie Davis vs. Morehead State, 10-13-84 |
| 9 | Kurt Latell vs. Eastern Michigan, 9-19-87 |
| 9 | Leonard Thomas vs. Northern Illinois, 9-3-88 |
| 9 | Eddie Alford vs. Eastern Michigan, 9-2-95 |
| 9 | Devon Scott vs. Virginia Tech, 9-7-96 |
| 8 | Tom Adolph vs. Wittenberg , 11-14-59 |
| 8 | Mac Thomas vs. Temple, 9-22-73 |
| 8 | Glenn Evans vs. Temple, 10-18-75 |
| 8 | Jeff Finley vs. Middle Tennessee, 10-2-82 |
| 8 | Willie Davis vs. Eastern Kentucky, 9-7-85 |
| 8 | Harold Robinson vs. East Carolina, 10-5-91 |
| 8 | Harold Robinson vs. Temple, 11-23-91 |
| 8 | Eddie Alford vs. Ohio, 10-21-95 |
| 8 | Willie Spencer vs. Marshall, 10-11-97 |
| 8 | Willie Spencer vs. Ball State, 11-1-97 |



Willie Davis caught 104 passes for 1,718 yards from 1983-85 and had six grabs for 79 yards in the 1985 NCAA I-AA playoff game at Rhode Island.

GAME YARDAGE LEADERS

- 195 Dan Ruff (5) vs. Ball State, 10-4-69
- 184 Harold Robinson (8) vs. Temple, 11-23-91
- 180 Dan Ruff (7) vs. Youngstown State, 11-8-69
- 165 Willie Davis (13) vs. Kent, 9-1-84
- 163 Dan Ruff (6) vs. Butler, 9-15-69
- 160 Harold Robinson (8) vs. East Carolina, 10-5-91
- 156 Jerry Malizia (4) vs. Temple, 11-18-67
- 155 Lew Lawhorn (7) vs. Virginia Tech, 10-14-95
- 154 DeShawn Brown (10) vs. Ball State, 11-12-94
- 151 Willie Davis (11) vs. Austin Peay, 11-23-85
- 149 Dan Ruff (7) vs. Illinois State, 11-2-68
- 148 Dan Ruff (7) vs. Youngstown State, 11-22-68
- 147 Glenn Evans (7) vs. Morehead State, 9-18-76
- 146 Cornel Penland (5) vs. Louisville, 1987
- 145 Ray Glinsky (4) vs. Wooster, 10-19-63
- 141 Eddie Alford (9) vs. Eastern Michigan, 9-2-95
- 137 Kenny Chapman (6) vs. Kent, 9-11-93
- 136 Ron Fuller (9) vs. Marshall, 10-20-76
- 136 Willie Davis (6) vs. Bowling Green, 9-28-85
- 136 Leonard Thomas (9) vs. Northern Illinois, 9-3-88
- 135 Eddie Alford (11) vs. Western Michigan, 10-7-95

- 134 Rick Bailey (5) vs. Youngstown State, 9-4-82
- 134 Glenn Evans (8) vs. Temple, 10-18-75
- 133 Jeff Blakely (3) vs. Temple, 10-23-93
- 130 Wayne Sovlansky (6) vs. Butler, 9-19-70
- 129 Harold Robinson (3) vs. Rutgers, 10-27-90
- 127 Mac Thomas (8) vs. Temple, 9-22-73
- 126 Jim Lupori (13) vs. Muskingum, 10-29-60
- 125 John Verdon (5) vs. Denison, 10-23-54
- 124 Kenny Chapman (3) vs. Eastern Michigan, 11-6-93
- 123 Joe Richardson (3) vs. Ohio Wesleyan, 10-6-62
- 123 Kenny Chapman (7) vs. Western Michigan, 9-18-93
- 122 Dan Ruff (6) vs. Indiana State, 11-2-74
- 122 Devon Scott (5) vs. Bowling Green, 11-2-96
- 121 Lavern Bass (6) vs. Temple, 11-7-92
- 120 Bob Smith (7) vs. Western Michigan, 9-5-87
- 119 Jack Beidleman (5) vs. Youngstown State, 11-8-69
- 116 Tom Flaherty (7) vs. Butler, 11-6-65
- 115 Greg Thurman (3) vs. Indiana State, 11-2-74
- 115 Joe Little (6) vs. Youngstown State, 9-29-90
- 114 Willie Davis (9) vs. Morehead State, 10-13-84
- 113 Jack Beidleman (7) vs. Eastern Michigan, 10-5-68
- 113 Harold Robinson (5) vs. Illinois State, 9-14-91
- 112 Kenny Chapman (6) vs. Youngstown State, 11-14-92
- 111 Bob Clayton (11) vs. Temple, 9-22-73
- 111 Rick Bailey (3) vs. Youngstown State, 11-5-83
- 107 Tom Adolph (8) vs. Wittenberg, 11-14-59
- 107 Harold Robinson (6) vs. Central Michigan, 9-21-91
- 106 Willie Spencer (8) vs. Marshall, 10-11-97
- 103 Jeff Blakely (3) vs. Kent, 9-11-93
- 102 Willie Spencer (5) vs. Central Michigan, 10-4-97

Yards Gained

Game: 195 by Dan Ruff, 1969 vs. Ball State
Season: 1,041 by Dan Ruff, 1968 (caught 56)
Career: 2,531 by Dan Ruff, 1967-70 (caught 131)

Highest Average Gain per Reception

Game: (Min. 5) 39.0 by Dan Ruff vs. Ball State, 1969 (5 for 195)
Season: (Min. 30) 22.9 by Dan Ruff, 1969 (33 for 757)
Career: (Min. 75) 19.9 by Dan Ruff, 1967-70 (127 for 2,531)

Receptions

Season: 52 by Dan Ruff, 1968; by Willie Davis, 1985
Career: 127 by Dan Ruff, 1967-70

Receptions by a Running Back

Game: 10 by DeShawn Brown vs. Ball State, 1994
Season: 33 by Jack Beidleman, 1968
Career: 86 by Jack Beidleman, 1968-70

Touchdown Receptions

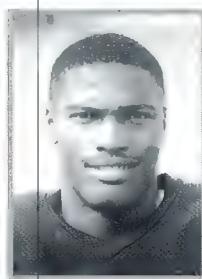
Game: 4 by Dan Ruff vs. Ball State, 1969
Season: 11 by Dan Ruff, 1968
Career: 27 by Dan Ruff, 1967-70

RECORDS/HISTORY

TOTAL OFFENSE



Vernon Stewart



Mike Johnson



Mike Clark

| ANNUAL LEADERS | | PLAYS | PASS | RUSH | YDS |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1997 | Greg Lomax, RB | 127 | 0 | 835 | 835 |
| 1996 | Yasin Reeder, RB | 168 | 0 | 781 | 781 |
| 1995 | Mike Junko, QB | 188 | 864 | -89 | 775 |
| 1994 | Brian Magrell, QB | 98 | 548 | 65 | 613 |
| 1993 | Marcel Weems, QB | 316 | 1,157 | 298 | 1,455 |
| 1992 | Marcel Weems, QB | 382 | 1,383 | 754 | 2,137 |
| 1991 | Jeff Sweitzer, QB | 326 | 1,599 | 420 | 2,019 |
| 1990 | Jeff Sweitzer, QB | 255 | 1,133 | 322 | 1,455 |
| 1989 | Mike Johnson, QB | 412 | 1,819 | 398 | 2,217 |
| 1988 | Mike Johnson, QB | 402 | 2,170 | 262 | 2,432 |
| 1987 | Andy Kubik, QB | 370 | 1,675 | 20 | 1,695 |
| 1986 | Mike Clark, RB | 245 | 0 | 1,786 | 1,786 |
| 1985 | Vernon Stewart, QB | 289 | 1,413 | 312 | 1,725 |
| 1984 | Vernon Stewart, QB | 266 | 1,233 | 128 | 1,361 |
| 1983 | James Black, RB | 351 | 0 | 1,568 | 1,568 |
| 1982 | James Black, RB | 306 | 0 | 1,188 | 1,188 |
| 1981 | Dennis Brumfield, RB | 273 | 0 | 1,041 | 1,041 |
| 1980 | Dennis Brumfield, RB | 254 | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 1979 | Paul Winters, RB | 318 | 0 | 1,298 | 1,298 |
| 1978 | Paul Winters, RB | 177 | 0 | 806 | 806 |
| 1977 | Rick Beeman, QB | 168 | 563 | -12 | 551 |
| 1976 | Marty Bezbatchesko, QB | 200 | 872 | 172 | 1,044 |
| 1975 | Tom Kot, QB | 205 | 965 | 12 | 977 |
| 1974 | Tom Kot, QB | 210 | 1,039 | 94 | 1,133 |
| 1973 | Eric Schoch, QB | 297 | 1,316 | 468 | 1,784 |
| 1972 | Eric Schoch, QB | 286 | 956 | 361 | 1,317 |
| 1971 | Eric Schoch, QB | 177 | 665 | 405 | 1,070 |
| 1970 | Mic Hutton, QB | 224 | 1,058 | 185 | 1,243 |
| 1969 | Mic Hutton, QB | 231 | 1,491 | -57 | 1,434 |
| 1968 | Don Zwisler, QB | 310 | 2,012 | 137 | 2,149 |
| 1967 | Don Zwisler, QB | 238 | 867 | 14 | 881 |
| 1966 | Ron Tyson, RB | 215 | 0 | 926 | 926 |
| 1965 | Mike Martin, QB | 264 | 1,182 | 92 | 1,274 |
| 1964 | Mike Martin, QB | 108 | 410 | 34 | 444 |
| 1963 | John Lahoski, RB | 159 | 0 | 766 | 766 |
| 1962 | Joe Mackey, QB | 107 | 491 | 747 | 738 |
| 1961 | Joe Mackey, QB | 172 | 607 | 371 | 978 |
| 1960 | Marco Burnette, QB | 196 | -19 | 599 | 580 |
| 1959 | John Stone, QB | 251 | 1,196 | -47 | 1,149 |
| 1958 | Art Bailey, RB | 158 | 12 | 650 | 662 |
| 1957 | Art Bailey, RB | 133 | 0 | 651 | 651 |
| 1956 | Tom Boggs, QB | 143 | 810 | -36 | 774 |
| 1955 | Ben Kimbrough, HB | 78 | 0 | 792 | 792 |
| 1954 | Marion Rossi, QB | 59 | 836 | -1 | 835 |

CAREER LEADERS

| | Pos. | G | Plays | Pass | Rush | Tot.Yds | YPG |
|----------------------------|------|----|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| Vernon Stewart—1983-86 | QB | 36 | 851 | 3,945 | 790 | 4,735 | 131.5 |
| Mike Johnson—1988-89 | QB | 22 | 814 | 3,989 | 660 | 4,649 | 211.3 |
| Mike Clark—1984-86 | TB | 32 | 804 | 0 | 4,257 | 4,257 | 133.0 |
| Eric Schoch—1971-73 | QB | 30 | 760 | 2,937 | 1,234 | 4,171 | 139.0 |
| Marcel Weems—1991-93 | QB | 27 | 741 | 2,736 | 1,130 | 3,866 | 143.2 |
| Don Zwisler—1965-68 | QB | 27 | 690 | 3,297 | 268 | 3,565 | 132.0 |
| Mic Hutton—1969-71 | QB | 29 | 629 | 3,142 | 352 | 3,494 | 120.5 |
| Jeff Sweitzer—1988-91 | QB | 27 | 586 | 2,744 | 742 | 3,486 | 129.1 |
| James Black 1980-83 | TB | 31 | 731 | 0 | 3,054 | 3,054 | 98.5 |
| Jack Beidleman—1967-70 | HB | 38 | 561 | 0 | 3,032 | 3,032 | 79.8 |
| Billy Mills—1973-76 | HB | 42 | 642 | 0 | 2,847 | 2,847 | 67.8 |
| Paul Winters—1977-79 | HB | 29 | 594 | 0 | 2,613 | 2,613 | 90.1 |
| Marcel Weems—1991-92 | QB | 18 | 425 | 1,579 | 832 | 2,411 | 133.9 |
| Dennis Brumfield—1979-81 | TB | 31 | 625 | 0 | 2,314 | 2,314 | 74.6 |
| John Stone—1956-59 | QB | 30 | 458 | 2,270 | -85 | 2,185 | 72.8 |
| Tom Kot—1974-75 | QB | 21 | 415 | 2,004 | 106 | 2,110 | 100.5 |
| Joe Mackey—1960-62 | QB | 16 | 363 | 1,473 | 572 | 2,045 | 127.8 |
| Tom Wilhelm—1972-75 | FB | 33 | 438 | 33 | 2,003 | 2,036 | 61.7 |
| Mike Martin—1964-66 | QB | 21 | 445 | 1,866 | 138 | 2,004 | 95.4 |
| Marty Bezbatchesko—1976-78 | QB | 21 | 358 | 1,476 | 413 | 1,889 | 89.9 |

SEASON LEADERS

| | Pos. | G | Plays | Pass | Rush | Tot. Yds | YPG |
|-------------------------|------|----|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| Mike Johnson—1988 | QB | 11 | 402 | 2,170 | 262 | 2,432 | 221.1 |
| Mike Johnson—1989 | QB | 11 | 412 | 1,819 | 398 | 2,217 | 201.5 |
| Don Zwisler—1968 | QB | 10 | 310 | 2,012 | 137 | 2,149 | 214.9 |
| Marcel Weems 1992 | QB | 11 | 382 | 1,383 | 754 | 2,137 | 194.3 |
| Jeff Sweitzer—1991 | QB | 11 | 326 | 1,599 | 420 | 2,019 | 183.5 |
| Mike Clark 1986 | TB | 11 | 245 | 0 | 1,786 | 1,786 | 162.4 |
| Eric Schoch—1973 | QB | 11 | 297 | 1,316 | 468 | 1,784 | 162.2 |
| Vernon Stewart—1985 | QB | 11 | 289 | 1,413 | 312 | 1,725 | 156.8 |
| James Black—1983 | TB | 11 | 351 | 0 | 1,568 | 1,568 | 142.5 |
| Vernon Stewart—1986 | QB | 11 | 266 | 1,200 | 352 | 1,552 | 141.1 |
| Jeff Sweitzer—1990 | QB | 8 | 255 | 1,133 | 322 | 1,455 | 181.9 |
| Marcel Weems—1993 | QB | 9 | 316 | 1,157 | 298 | 1,455 | 161.7 |
| Mic Hutton—1969 | QB | 10 | 231 | 1,491 | -57 | 1,434 | 143.4 |
| Vernon Stewart—1984 | QB | 10 | 266 | 1,233 | 128 | 1,361 | 136.1 |
| Eric Schoch—1977 | QB | 9 | 286 | 956 | 361 | 1,317 | 146.3 |
| Mike Clark—1985 | TB | 11 | 301 | 0 | 1,299 | 1,299 | 118.1 |
| Paul Winters 1979 | HB | 11 | 318 | 0 | 1,298 | 1,298 | 118.0 |
| Mike Martin—1965 | QB | 9 | 264 | 1,182 | 92 | 1,274 | 141.5 |
| Mic Hutton—1970 | QB | 10 | 224 | 1,058 | 185 | 1,243 | 124.3 |
| Bob Maxwell—1979 | QB | 11 | 245 | 1,217 | -31 | 1,186 | 107.8 |
| Mike Clark—1984 | TB | 10 | 258 | 0 | 1,172 | 1,172 | 117.2 |
| John Stone—1959 | QB | 9 | 251 | 1,196 | -47 | 1,149 | 127.6 |
| Tom Kot—1974 | QB | 10 | 210 | 1,039 | 94 | 1,133 | 113.3 |
| James Black—1982 | TB | 9 | 306 | 0 | 1,118 | 1,118 | 131.4 |
| Eric Schoch—1971 | QB | 10 | 177 | 665 | 405 | 1,070 | 107.0 |
| Jack Beidleman—1969 | HB | 10 | 188 | 0 | 1,050 | 1,050 | 105.0 |
| Marty Bezbatchesko—1976 | QB | 10 | 200 | 872 | 172 | 1,044 | 104.4 |
| Dennis Brumfield—1981 | TB | 10 | 273 | 0 | 1,041 | 1,041 | 104.1 |
| Dennis Brumfield—1980 | TB | 10 | 154 | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 100.0 |

GAME LEADERS

| | |
|-----|--|
| 377 | Brian Magrell (46 plays, 347 + 30) vs. Ball State, 11-12-94 |
| 340 | Mike Johnson (55 plays, 318 + 12) vs. Eastern Illinois, 10-14-89 |
| 325 | Don Zwisler (35 plays, 307+18) vs. Baldwin Wallace 1 1-9-68 |
| 322 | Jeff Sweitzer (53 plays, 339 -17) vs. Youngstown State, 9-29-90 |
| 308 | Mic Hutton (32 plays, 307 + 1) vs. Butler, 9-15-69 |
| 299 | Tom Boggs (32 plays, 301 + 2) vs. Ohio Wesleyan, 10-13-56 |
| 298 | Mic Hutton (30 plays, 308 -10) vs. Youngstown State, 11-8-69 |
| 295 | James Black (52 plays, 0+295) vs. Austin Peay, 11-19-83 |
| 290 | Mike Johnson (28 plays, 236+54) vs. Youngstown State, 10-1-88 |

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Most Plays

- 55 Mike Johnson vs. Eastern Illinois, 1989
 54 Marco Burnette vs. Muskingum, 1960
 53 Jeff Sweitzer vs. Youngstown State, 1990
 52 James Black vs. Austin Peay, 1983
 50 Don Zwisler vs. Youngstown State, 1968
 49 Eric Schoch vs. Temple, 1973
 48 Paul Winters vs. Eastern Illinois 1979
 48 Mike Clark vs. Western Kentucky, 1985
 47 James Black vs. Marshall, 1982
 47 James Black vs. Tennessee Tech, 1982
 47 Mike Johnson vs. New Mexico, 1988
 46 Mike Johnson vs. Arkansas State 1988
 46 Brian Magrell vs. Ball State, 1994
 45 Marcel Weems vs. Central Michigan, 1993
 45 Andy Kubik vs. Western Michigan, 1987
 45 Mike Johnson vs. Cal State Fullerton, 1988

Most Plays

Game: 55 by Mike Johnson vs. Eastern Illinois, 1989 (340 yards)

Season: 412 by Mike Johnson, 1989 (2 217 yards)

Career: 879 by Vernon Stewart, 1983-86 (4,839 yards)

Most Plays per Game

Best: 37.5 by Mike Johnson 1989 (412 in 11)

Career: 37.0 by Mike Johnson, 1988-89 (814 in 22)

Most Yards Gained

Most Yards Gained
Quarter: 186 by Eric Schoch vs. Temple (0 rushing, 186 passing), 1973
(4th)

Half: 216 by Greg Gromek v. C. Michigan (-4 rushing, 220 passing), 1973

(1st)
Game: 377 by Brian Magrell vs. Ball State, 1994

Season: 2,432 by Mike Johnson, 1988 (262 rushing 2,170 passing)

Most Yards Gained per Game

Season: 221.1 by Mike Johnson, 1988 (2,432 in 11)

Most Yards Gained in Consecutive Games
2 Games: 580 by Don Zwisler 1968 (255 vs. Illinois State and 325 vs.

3 Games: 818 by Mike Johnson, 1988 (242 vs Central Michigan, 286 vs Baldwin-Wallace)

New Mexico, and 290 vs. Youngstown State)
4 Games: 1,054 by Mike Johnson, 1988 (242 vs. Central Michigan, 286 vs.

New Mexico, 250 vs. Youngstown State, and 250 vs. A

Most Touchdowns Produced (TDs rushed & passed)

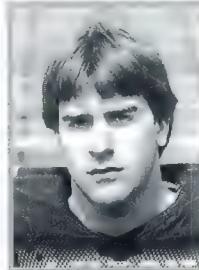
Most touchdowns / Redacted (TDS Rushed & passed)

Season: 19 by Don Zwisler. 1968 (rushed 6, passed 13)

PUNT RETURN



Jeff Sweitzer



Brian Moran



Pat Snow

HIGHEST AVERAGE GAIN PER RETURN

Game: (Min. 3) 33.2 by Jeff Sweitzer vs. Northern Arizona, 1989 (4 for 133)

Season: (Min. 10) 16.3 by Jeff Sweitzer, 1989 (10 for 163)

Career: (Min. 30) 9.4 by Jack Beidleman, 1967-70 (31 for 292)

PUNT RETURNS

Game: 9 by Jeff Sweitzer vs. New Mexico State, 1988 (105 yards)

Season: 34 by Brian Moran, 1985 (275 yards)

Career: 75 by Pat Snow, 1978-81 (535 yards)

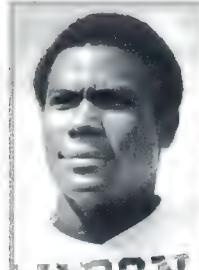
PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

Game: 2 by Jeff Sweitzer vs. Northern Arizona, 1989

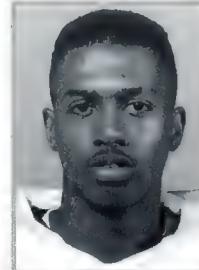
Season: 2 by Jeff Sweitzer, 1989

Career: 3 by Jeff Sweitzer, 1988-91

KICKOFF RETURN



Mac Thomas



Lew Lawhorn



Dan Ruff

Season: (Min. 10) 29.9 by Dan Ruff, 1967 (14 for 418)

Career: (Min. 20) 26.2 by Jim Braccio, 1964-66 (21 for 548); (Min. 30) 23.9 by Dan Ruff, 1967-69 (31 for 742)

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS

Game: 8 by Jeff Blakely vs. Central Michigan, 1994 (166 yards)

Season: 31 by Lew Lawhorn, 1995 (587 yards)

Career: 45 by Mac Thomas, 1971-73 (995 yards)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS

SCORED ON KICKOFF RETURNS

Game: 1 by several players; Last, Lew Lawhorn vs. E. Michigan, 1995 (93 yards)

Season: 2 by Dan Ruff, 1967

Career: 2 by Frank Zazula, 1937-40; 2 by Jim Braccio, 1964-66; 2 by Dan Ruff, 1967-69



Frank Zazula

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN

100 yards by Hayes Jenkins vs. Ohio Wesleyan, 1924

100 yards by Ron Brant vs. Youngstown State, 1982

MOST YARDS ON KICKOFF RETURNS

Game: 166 by Jeff Blakely vs. C. Michigan, 10-15-94 (8 returns)

Season: 587 by Lew Lawhorn, 1995 (31 returns)

Career: 995 by Mac Thomas, 1971-73 (45 returns)

HIGHEST AVERAGE GAIN PER RETURN

Game: (Min. 2) 55.0 by Ron Brant vs. Youngstown State, 1982 (2 for 110)

ALL-PURPOSE



Jack Beidleman



Mike Clark



Dan Ruff

| ANNUAL LEADERS | | YDS | RUSH | REC | RET |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 1997 | Greg Lomax | 1,271 | 835 | 167 | 269 |
| 1996 | Yasin Reeder | 1,351 | 781 | 85 | 485 |
| 1995 | Lew Lawhorn | 1,196 | 57 | 442 | 697 |
| 1994 | DeShawn Brown | 843 | 588 | 255 | 0 |
| 1993 | Kenny Chapman | 682 | 0 | 636 | 46 |
| 1992 | Darrien Gouch | 1,341 | 579 | 192 | 570 |
| 1991 | Tyrone Nelson | 878 | 769 | 109 | 0 |
| 1990 | Marcus Reliford | 1,007 | 684 | 154 | 169 |
| 1989 | Doug Lewis | 969 | 763 | 182 | 24 |
| 1988 | Doug Lewis | 790 | 609 | 82 | 99 |
| 1987 | Derek Alston | 1,151 | 689 | 144 | 318 |
| 1986 | Mike Clark | 1,914 | 1,786 | 128 | 0 |
| 1985 | Mike Clark | 1,411 | 1,299 | 112 | 0 |
| 1984 | Mike Clark | 1,190 | 1,172 | 18 | 0 |
| 1983 | James Black | 1,568 | 1,568 | 0 | 0 |
| 1982 | James Black | 1,184 | 1,188 | -4 | 0 |
| 1981 | Dennis Brumfield | 1,041 | 1,041 | 0 | 0 |
| 1980 | Dennis Brumfield | 1,025 | 1,000 | 25 | 0 |
| 1979 | Paul Winters | 1,313 | 1,298 | 15 | 0 |
| 1978 | Terry Cameron | 1,021 | 456 | 380 | 185 |
| 1977 | Mark Hovanec | 547 | 535 | 12 | 0 |
| 1976 | Billy Mills | 664 | 659 | 5 | 0 |
| 1975 | Billy Mills | 841 | 830 | 11 | 0 |
| 1974 | Billy Mills | 861 | 662 | 0 | 199 |
| 1973 | Mac Thomas | 1,157 | 26 | 713 | 418 |
| 1972 | Mac Thomas | 817 | 0 | 428 | 389 |
| 1971 | Calvin Pierce | 1,174 | 803 | 125 | 246 |
| 1970 | Jack Beidleman | 1,415 | 758 | 265 | 392 |
| 1969 | Jack Beidleman | 1,959 | 1,050 | 562 | 347 |
| 1968 | Dan Ruff | 1,393 | -4 | 1041 | 356 |
| 1967 | Jack Beidleman | 667 | 425 | 162 | 80 |
| 1966 | Ron Tyson | 993 | 926 | 56 | 11 |
| 1965 | Jim Morrison | 545 | 332 | 120 | 93 |
| 1964 | Jim Braccio | 616 | 180 | 10 | 426 |

CAREER LEADERS

| | YDS | RUSH | REC | RET |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Jack Beidleman—1967-70 | 5,377 | 3,032 | 1,414 | 931 |
| Mike Clark—1984-86 | 4,515 | 4,257 | 258 | 0 |
| Dan Ruff—1967-70 | 3,391 | 0 | 2,531 | 860 |
| Billy Mills—1973-76 | 3,067 | 2,816 | 39 | 212 |
| James Black—1980-83 | 3,050 | 3,054 | -4 | 0 |

SEASON LEADERS

| | YDS | RUSH | REC | RET |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Jack Beidleman—1969 | 1,959 | 1,050 | 562 | 347 |
| Mike Clark—1986 | 1,914 | 1,786 | 128 | 0 |
| James Black—1983 | 1,568 | 1,568 | 0 | 0 |
| Jack Beidleman—1970 | 1,415 | 758 | 265 | 392 |
| Mike Clark—1985 | 1,411 | 1,299 | 112 | 0 |
| Dan Ruff—1968 | 1,393 | -4 | 1,041 | 356 |
| Yasin Reeder—1996 | 1,351 | 781 | 85 | 485 |
| Darrien Gouch—1992 | 1,341 | 579 | 192 | 570 |
| Jack Beidleman—1968 | 1,336 | 799 | 425 | 112 |
| Paul Winters—1979 | 1,313 | 1,298 | 15 | 0 |

GAME LEADERS (RUSHING, RECEIVING, RETURNS)

| | |
|-----|---|
| 362 | Jack Beidleman (178, 119, 65) vs. Youngstown St., 11-8-69 |
| 295 | James Black (295, 0, 0) vs. Austin Peay, 11-19-83 |
| 267 | Mike Clark (255, 12, 0) vs. Central Florida, 9-27-86 |
| 266 | Mike Clark (220, 46, 0) vs. Youngstown State, 11-21-86 |
| 262 | Harold Robinson (0, 184, 78) vs. Temple, 11-23-91 |
| 259 | Mike Clark (186, 73, 0) vs. Western Kentucky, 10-5-85 |
| 255 | Yasin Reeder (201, 0, 54) vs. Eastern Michigan, 11-9-96 |



James Black (shown here in 1982 Acme-Zip) rushed for enough yards (3,054) to still rank among the top five all-time in all-purpose yards.

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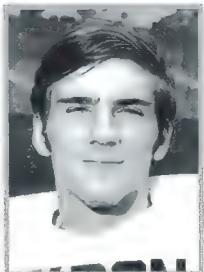
PUNTING



Andy Graham



Daron Alcorn



Jim Heyworth

MOST YARDS ON PUNTS

Game: 613 by Bill Rudison vs. Virginia Tech, 1989 (13 punts)

Season: 3,003 by Andy Graham, 1977-80 (77 punts)

Career: 10,693 by Andy Graham, 1977-80 (274 punts)

HIGHEST AVERAGE PER PUNT

Game: (Min. 5) 51.8 by Daron Alcorn vs. Cincinnati, 1992 (5 for 259);
(Min. 10) 47.2 by Bill Rudison vs. Va. Tech, 1989 (13 for 613)

Season: (Min. 40) 44.9 by Ray Dodge, 1948 (42 for 1886); (Min. 50)
43.8 by Mike Hayes, 1997 (53 for 2319)

Career: (Min. 150) 40.8 by Bill Rudison, 1987-89 (195 for 7,951);
(Min. 250) 39.0 by Andy Graham, 1977-80 (274 for 10,693)

MOST PUNTS

Game: 13 by Bill Rudison vs. Virginia Tech, 1989

Season: 79 by Frank Zazula, 1939

Career: 274 by Andy Graham, 1977-80

KICK SCORING

CAREER LEADERS

| | XP | FG | PTS |
|------------------------|---------|-------|-----|
| Bob Dombroski—1986-89 | 100/104 | 51/69 | 253 |
| Daron Alcorn—1989-92 | 64/68 | 45/76 | 199 |
| Dennis Heckman—1981-83 | 55/58 | 35/57 | 160 |
| Jim Embick—1974-77 | 69/78 | 28/63 | 153 |
| Andy Graham—1978-80 | 54/62 | 31/50 | 147 |

SEASON LEADERS

| | XP | FG | PTS |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-----|
| Russ Klaus—1985 | 26/26 | 19/29 | 83 |
| Dennis Heckman—1983 | 21/21 | 17/24 | 72 |
| Daron Alcorn—1992 | 18/20 | 18/26 | 72 |
| Bob Dombroski—1988 | 19/19 | 16/21 | 67 |
| Andy Graham—1979 | 18/21 | 16/21 | 66 |

CAREER FIELD GOALS

| | ATT | MADE | PCT |
|------------------------|-----|------|------|
| Bob Dombroski—1986-89 | 69 | 51 | 73.9 |
| Daron Alcorn—1989-92 | 76 | 45 | 59.2 |
| Dennis Heckman—1981-83 | 57 | 35 | 61.4 |
| Andy Graham—1977-80 | 50 | 31 | 62.0 |
| Russ Klaus—1984-85 | 51 | 30 | 58.8 |

SEASON FIELD GOALS

| | ATT | MADE | PCT |
|---------------------|-----|------|------|
| Russ Klaus—1985 | 29 | 19 | 65.5 |
| Daron Alcorn—1992 | 26 | 18 | 69.2 |
| Dennis Heckman—1983 | 24 | 17 | 70.8 |
| Andy Graham—1979 | 21 | 16 | 76.2 |
| Bob Dombroski—1988 | 21 | 16 | 76.2 |

Extra Points

Game: 7 by John Harrison vs. Butler, vs. Ball St., vs. Youngstown St., 1969;
7 by Tom Budziszewski vs. IUP, 1970, vs. Northern Michigan, 1972; 7 by
Bob Dombroski vs. Northern Arizona, 1989.

Season: 34 by John Harrison, 1969 (40 atts.)

Career: 100 by Bob Dombroski, 1986-89

Longest Field Goals

| | |
|----|---|
| 56 | Daron Alcorn vs. Toledo, 1992 |
| 54 | Bob Dombroski vs. Youngstown State, 1988 |
| 53 | Andy Graham vs. Middle Tennessee, 1980 |
| 53 | Daron Alcorn vs. Virginia Tech, 1989 |
| 52 | Dennis Heckman vs. Middle Tennessee, 1982 |
| 52 | Dennis Heckman vs. Murray State, 1983 |
| 52 | Russ Klaus vs. Eastern Michigan, 1985 |
| 51 | Brian Ellis vs. Western Illinois, 1973 |
| 51 | Brian Ellis vs. Ball State, 1974 |
| 51 | Russ Klaus vs. Eastern Michigan, 1985 |
| 51 | Bob Dombroski vs. Youngstown State, 1986 |
| 51 | Bob Dombroski vs. Temple, 1987 |
| 51 | Daron Alcorn vs. Louisiana Tech, 1989 |
| 50 | Dennis Heckman vs. Morehead State, 1983 |

Single-Game Kicking Points

17 by Daron Alcorn vs. Temple, 1992

16 by Russ Klaus vs. Bowling Green, 1985

Single-Game Field Goals

FG Attempted: 6 by Daron Alcorn vs. Temple, 1992 (made 5)

FG Made: 5 by Andy Graham vs. Eastern Illinois, 1979; 5 by Russ Klaus vs.
Bowling Green, 1985; 5 by Daron Alcorn vs. Temple, 1992.

Pct. FG Made: (Min. 5 atts.) 1.000 by Russ Klaus vs. Bowling Green, 1985
(5 of 5)

Season Field Goal Percentage

91.7 (11-12) by Bob Dombroski, 1989

Consecutive Field Goals

12 by Andy Graham (1979-80)

12 by Bob Dombroski (1988-89)

Consecutive Extra Points

Season: 33 by Bob Dombroski, 1986

Career: 49 by Russ Klaus, 1984-85

SCORING



Bob Dombroski



George Deo



Art Bailey

| ANNUAL LEADERS | | TD | FG | XP | PTS |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1997 | Greg Lomax, RB | 9 | 0 | 0 | 54 |
| 1996 | Yasin Reeder, RB | 8 | 0 | 0 | 48 |
| 1995 | Lew Lawhorn, WR | 6 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| 1994 | Jozsef Jakab, PK | 0 | 7 | 12 | 33 |
| 1993 | Jozsef Jakab, PK | 0 | 8 | 19 | 43 |
| 1992 | Daron Alcorn, PK | 0 | 18 | 18 | 72 |
| 1991 | Daron Alcorn, PK | 0 | 13 | 23 | 62 |
| 1990 | Daron Alcorn, PK | 0 | 9 | 23 | 50 |
| 1989 | Bob Dombroski, PK | 0 | 11 | 30 | 63 |
| 1988 | Bob Dombroski, PK | 0 | 16 | 19 | 67 |
| 1987 | Bob Dombroski, PK | 0 | 14 | 18 | 60 |
| 1986 | Bob Dombroski, PK | 0 | 10 | 33 | 63 |
| 1985 | Russ Klaus, PK | 0 | 19 | 26 | 83 |
| 1984 | Russ Klaus, PK | 0 | 11 | 23 | 56 |
| 1983 | Dennis Heckman, PK | 0 | 17 | 21 | 72 |
| 1982 | Dennis Heckman, PK | 0 | 11 | 21 | 54 |
| 1981 | Dennis Brumfield, RB | 7 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| 1980 | Andy Graham, PK | 0 | 9 | 15 | 42 |
| 1979 | Andy Graham, PK | 0 | 16 | 18 | 66 |
| 1978 | Dan Simon, FB | 9 | 0 | 0 | 54 |
| | Terry Cameron, RB | 9 | 0 | 0 | 54 |
| 1977 | Jim Embick, PK | 0 | 6 | 28 | 46 |
| 1976 | Jim Embick, PK | 0 | 11 | 20 | 53 |
| 1975 | Tom Wilhelm, FB | 12 | 0 | 0 | 72 |
| 1974 | Tom Wilhelm, FB | 7 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| 1973 | Brian Ellis, PK | 0 | 9 | 29 | 56 |
| 1972 | Eric Schoch, QB | 7 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| | Calvin Pierce, RB | 7 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| 1971 | Tom Budziszewski, PK | 0 | 7 | 22 | 43 |
| 1970 | Jack Beidleman, RB | 7 | 0 | 2 | 44 |
| 1969 | Jack Beidleman, RB | 16 | 0 | 2 | 98 |
| 1968 | Dan Ruff, WR | 11 | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| 1967 | Tony Moro, FB | 4 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| | Ron Lemon, RB | 4 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| | Don Zwisler, QB | 4 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| 1966 | Ron Tyson, FB | 11 | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| 1965 | Rich Thomas, RB | 3 | 0 | 2 | 20 |
| 1964 | Pete Toto, FB | 7 | 0 | 2 | 44 |
| 1963 | John Lahoski, FB | 14 | 0 | 0 | 84 |
| 1962 | Tom Adolph, E/PK | 6 | 0 | 23 | 59 |
| 1961 | George Deo, FB | 13 | 0 | 0 | 78 |
| 1960 | Tom Murphy, RB | 3 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| 1959 | Frank Lomax, RB | 7 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| 1958 | Art Bailey, RB | 13 | 0 | 8 | 86 |

ANNUAL LEADERS (cont.)

| | TD | FG | XP | PTS |
|------|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1957 | Art Bailey, RB | 9 | 0 | 54 |
| 1956 | Dave Adolph, PK | 1 | 1 | 32 |
| 1955 | Tom Boggs, QB | 4 | 0 | 40 |
| 1954 | Buster Rizzo, RB | 7 | 0 | 42 |

CAREER LEADERS

| | TD | FG | XP | PTS |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Bob Dombroski—1986-89 | 0 | 51 | 100 | 253 |
| Jack Beidleman—1967-70 | 36 | 0 | 10 | 226 |
| Daron Alcorn—1989-92 | 0 | 45 | 64 | 199 |
| Dan Ruff—1967-70 | 29 | 0 | 2 | 176 |

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|------------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Art Bailey—1952-58 | 27 | 0 | 8 | 170 |
| Dennis Heckman—1981-83 | 0 | 35 | 55 | 160 |
| Tom Wilhelm—1972-75 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 156 |
| Jim Embick—1974-77 | 0 | 28 | 69 | 153 |
| Mike Clark—1984-85 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 150 |

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|---------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Andy Graham—1977-80 | 0 | 31 | 54 | 147 |
| Russ Klaus—1984-85 | 0 | 30 | 49 | 139 |
| George Deo—1960-62 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 126 |
| Doug Lewis—1988-90 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 120 |

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|-----------------------|----|---|---|-----|
| John Lahoski—1962-63 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 114 |
| Eric Schoch—1971-73 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 108 |
| Calvin Pierce 1969-72 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 102 |
| Billy Mills—1973-76 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 102 |

| | SEASON LEADERS | TD | FG | XP | PTS |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Jack Beidleman—1969 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 98 | |
| Art Bailey—1958 | 13 | 0 | 8 | 86 | |
| John Lahoski—1963 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 84 | |
| Russ Klaus—1985 | 0 | 19 | 26 | 83 | |

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|---------------------|----|----|----|----|
| George Deo—1961 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 78 |
| Mike Clark—1985 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 78 |
| Tom Wilhelm—1975 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 72 |
| Dennis Heckman—1983 | 0 | 17 | 21 | 72 |

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|--------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Daron Alcorn—1992 | 0 | 18 | 18 | 72 |
| Bob Dombroski—1988 | 0 | 16 | 19 | 67 |
| Ron Tyson—1966 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 66 |
| Dan Ruff—1968 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 66 |

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|---------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Andy Graham—1979 | 0 | 16 | 18 | 66 |
| Jack Beidleman—1968 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 64 |
| Bob Dombroski—1986 | 0 | 10 | 33 | 63 |
| Bob Dombroski—1989 | 0 | 11 | 30 | 63 |

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|-------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Dan Ruff—1969 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 62 |
| Daron Alcorn—1991 | 0 | 13 | 23 | 62 |

Single-Game Records

Points Scored: 30 by Art Bailey vs. Denison, 1958; 30 Terry Cameron vs. Northern Iowa, 1978

TDs Scored: 5 by Terry Cameron vs. Northern Iowa, 1978

Most Touchdowns Scored by Two Players

Season: 26 by Jack Beidleman (16) and Dan Ruff (10), 1969

Most Points Scored by Two Players

Season: 160 by Jack Beidleman (98) and Dan Ruff (62), 1969

INTERCEPTIONS



Gary Tyler



Dick Miller



Shawn Vincent

| | ANNUAL LEADERS | NO | YDS | TD |
|------|-----------------------|----|-----|----|
| 1997 | Naye Boyd | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| | Rich Reliford | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 1996 | John Harpring | 2 | 69 | 0 |
| | Nate Boyd | 2 | 37 | 0 |
| 1995 | Jon Eaton | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| 1994 | John Harpring | 2 | 60 | 0 |
| | Pete Habib | 2 | 13 | 0 |
| 1993 | Wayne Wade | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 1992 | Chris Owens | 7 | 49 | 0 |
| 1991 | Chris Owens | 4 | 33 | 0 |
| 1990 | Shawn Vincent | 7 | 191 | 0 |
| 1989 | Shawn Vincent | 4 | 24 | 0 |
| 1988 | Gary Tyler | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| 1987 | Shannon Wolfe | 4 | 63 | 0 |
| | Gary Tyler | 4 | 40 | 0 |
| 1986 | Gary Tyler | 6 | 19 | 2 |
| 1985 | Brian Moran | 4 | 27 | 0 |
| 1984 | Mike Paramore | 5 | 31 | 0 |
| 1983 | Robert Johnson | 4 | 104 | 2 |
| 1982 | Greg Reed | 2 | 14 | 0 |
| 1981 | Roosevelt Jewells | 7 | 67 | 0 |
| 1980 | Jim Anderson | 4 | 53 | 0 |
| 1979 | Ricky Holman | 3 | 76 | 1 |
| | Roosevelt Jewells | 3 | 19 | 0 |
| | Curtis Howard | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| 1978 | Ricky Holman | 3 | 69 | 0 |
| | Jim Valencheck | 3 | 27 | 1 |
| 1977 | Curtis Howard | 8 | 91 | 0 |
| 1976 | Steve Cockerham | 6 | 107 | 0 |

INTERCEPTIONS

Game: 6 by Dick Miller vs. Baldwin-Wallace, 1937

Season: 13 by Dick Miller, 1937

Career: 18 by Gary Tyler, 1985-88

YARDS ON INTERCEPTION RETURN

Game: 97 by Bill Darulis vs. Mount Union, 1932 (1 INT)

Season: 191 by Shawn Vincent, 1990 (7 INTs)

Career: 265 by Shawn Vincent, 1988-90 (15 INTs)

TOUCHDOWNS BY INTERCEPTION RETURN

Game: 2 by Gary Tyler vs. Tennessee Tech, 1986

LONGEST RUN AFTER INTERCEPTION

97 by Bill Darulis vs. Mount Union, 1932

88 by Ben Flossie vs. John Carroll, 1940

70 by Isavelt Amison vs. Butler, 1969

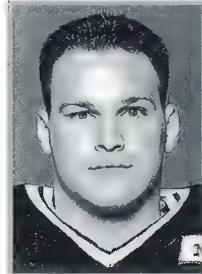
DEFENSIVE



Steve Cockerham



Brad Reese



Nate Boyd

SOLO TACKLES

Game: 21 by Joe Mazzaferro vs. Kent, 1952

19 by Nate Boyd vs. Miami, 1996

Season: 107 by Steve Cockerham, 1975

Career: 373 by Steve Cockerham, 1974-77

ASSISTED TACKLES

Game: 25 by Brad Reese vs. Western Kentucky, 1980

Season: 115 by Brad Reese, 1980

Career: 358 by Brad Reese, 1978-81

MISCELLANEOUS**LONGEST INTERCEPTED FUMBLE RETURN**

100 by Earl Weary vs. Allegheny, 1902

91 by Tim Wallace vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1984

LONGEST RETURN OF A BLOCKED FIELD GOAL

77 yards by Gary Tyler (49), Bill Hadden (20), and Greg Thomas (8) vs. Rhode Island, 1985

TACKLES

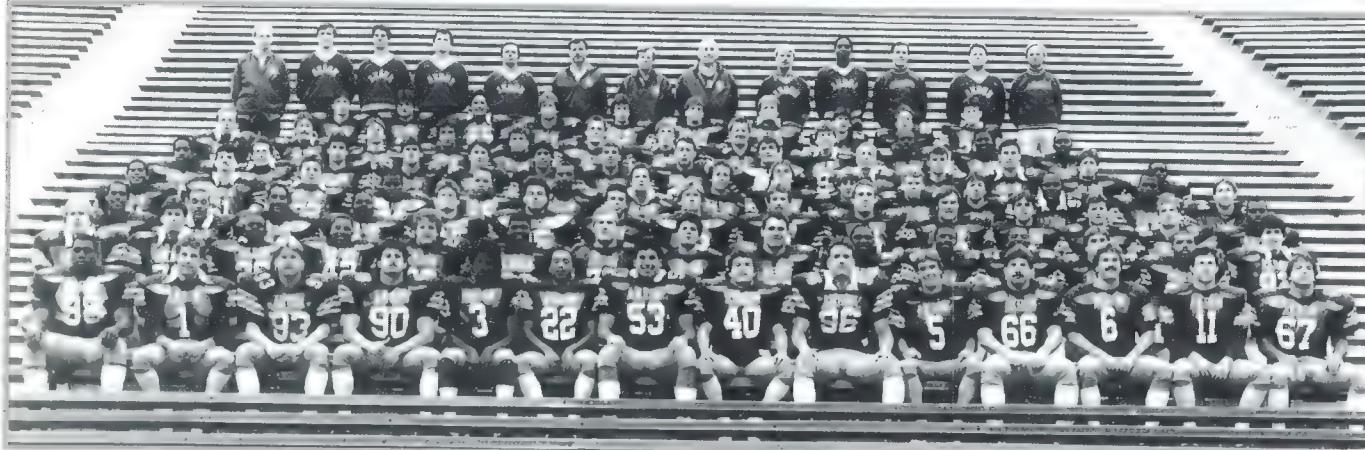
Game: 35 by Brad Reese vs. W. Kentucky, 1980 (10 solo, 25 assists)

Season: 221 by Brad Reese, 1980 (106 solo, 115 assists)

Career: 715 by Steve Cockerham, 1974-77 (373 solo, 342 assists)

710 by Brad Reese, 1978-81 (352 solo, 358 assists)

TEAM RECORDS



The 1985 University of Akron Zips finished 8-4 and lost a first round NCAA Division I-AA playoff game at Rhode Island, 35-27.

SINGLE GAME OFFENSE

Total Offense

Plays: 97 vs. Indiana State, 1979
Yards Gained: 653 vs. Youngstown State, 1969

Rushing

Attempts: 79 vs. Indiana (Pa.), 1971

Yards Gained: 503 vs. Northern Arizona, 1991

Fewest Yards Gained: -74 vs. Ohio, 1951

Touchdowns: 7 vs. Wooster, 1955

Passing

Attempts: 52 vs. Muskingum, 1960

Passes Completed: 26 vs. Ball State, 1994; 26 vs. Eastern Michigan, 1995

Passes Intercepted: 7 vs. Wittenberg, 1957 and 1959; 7 vs. Middle Tennessee, 1985

Yards Gained: 359 vs. Ball State, 1994

Fewest Yards Gained: 14 vs. Baldwin-Wallace, 1959

Touchdown Passes: 5 vs. Oberlin, 1955

Punting/Punt Returns

Punts: 16 vs. Youngstown State, 1940

Yards on Punts: 613 vs. Virginia Tech, 1989 (13 punts)

Highest Average per Punt: (Min. 5 punts) 51.8 vs. Cincinnati, 1992 (5 for 259); (Min. 10 punts) 47.8 vs. Virginia Tech, 1989 (13 for 613)

Punt Returns: 9 vs. Butler, 1971; 9 vs. New Mexico State, 1988

Yards on Punt Returns: 133 vs. Northern Arizona, 1989

Highest Average Gain per Return (Min. 4 returns): 33.2 vs. Northern Arizona, 1989 (4 for 133)

Scoring

Points: 66 vs. Western Reserve Academy, 1893; 60 vs. Youngstown State, 1969

Points in a loss: 39 vs. Youngstown State, 1986 (40-39)

Points Scored in One Quarter: 36 vs. Denison, 1958 (2nd); 28 vs. Indiana (Pa.), 1970 (2nd); 24 vs. Baldwin-Wallace, 1968 (1st)

Points Scored in One Half: 42 vs. Indiana (Pa.), 1970 (1st); 42 vs. Youngstown State, 1983 (1st)

Touchdowns Scored: 9 vs. Otterbein, 1955; 9 vs. Youngstown State, 1969

Extra Points by Kicking: 7 vs. Butler, Ball State, Youngstown, 1969; 7 vs. Indiana (Pa.), 1970; 7 vs. Northern Michigan, 1972; 7 vs. Northern Arizona, 1989

Field Goals Attempted: 6 vs. Northern Michigan, 1974; 6 vs. Temple, 1992

Field Goals Scored: 5 vs. Eastern Illinois, 1979; 5 vs. Bowling Green, 1985; 5 vs. Temple, 1992

Largest Victory Margin: 62 vs. Western Reserve Academy, 1893 (66-4); 58 vs. Hiram, 1928 (58-0); vs. Otterbein, 1955 (58-0)

First Downs

First Downs: 34 vs. Northern Arizona, 1991

Fewest First Downs: 3 vs. Wittenberg, 1962

First Downs by Rush: 31 vs. Indiana (Pa.), 1971

First Downs by Pass: 17 vs. Ball State, 1994

Fumbles

Fumbles: 13 vs. Baldwin-Wallace, 1958

Fumbles Lost: 6 vs. Indiana State, 1976

Penalties: 17 vs. Morehead State, 1976

Most Yards Penalized: 175 vs. Morehead State, 1976

SINGLE GAME DEFENSE

Total Defense

Fewest Yards Allowed: —5 vs.

Otterbein, 1955 (—18 rushing, 13 passing)

Most Plays Allowed: 92 vs. Western Kentucky, 1969; Bowling Green, 1997

Most Yards Allowed: 644 vs. Nebraska, 1997

Fewest First Downs Allowed: 3 vs. Baldwin-Wallace, 1958; 3 vs. Heidelberg, 1961

Rushing Defense

Fewest Ruses Against: 12 vs. Rhode Island, 1985 (53 yards)

Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed: —50 vs. Western Kentucky, '84

Rushes Against: 74 vs. Indiana State, 1971

Rushing Yards Allowed: 489 vs. Kent State, 1954

Pass Defense

Fewest Attempts Against: 0 vs. Ohio, 1997

Fewest Completions Against: 0 on several occasions; Last time, vs. Ohio, 1997

Fewest Yards Allowed: 0 vs. Ohio, 1997

Attempts Against: 70 vs. Rhode Island, 1985

Completions Against: 43 vs. Rhode Island, 1985

Yards Allowed: 494 vs. Western Kentucky, 1985

Touchdowns Against: 5 vs. Oregon State, 1987; Florida, 1990; Louisiana State, 1997; Kent, 1997

AKRON MAC RECORDS

ZIPS AGAINST MAC OPPONENTS

Rushing

Yards: 201 by Yasin Reeder vs. Eastern Michigan 11-9-96
 177 by DeShawn Brown vs. Ohio 10-30-93
 173 by Greg Lomax vs. Kent 11-8-97
Team: 470 vs. Kent, 11-8-97
Attempts: 29 by Greg Lomax vs. Toledo 11-11-95
Touchdowns: 3 by Greg Lomax vs. Kent 11-8-97
Yards per Carry: 17.7 by DeShawn Brown vs. Ohio 10-30-93
Long Runs: 92 by Greg Lomax vs. Ohio 10-25-97
 87 by Greg Lomax vs. Kent 11-8-97
 83 by Yasin Reeder vs. Bowling Green 11-2-96

Passing

Completions: 25 by Brian Magrell vs. Ball State 11-12-94
 18 by Mike Junko vs. Ohio 10-21-95
 17 by Brian Magrell vs. Eastern Michigan 9-2-95
Attempts: 40 by Brian Magrell vs. Ball State 11-12-94
Yards: 347 by Brian Magrell vs. Ball State 11-12-94
 263 by Greg Gromek vs. Central Michigan 10-4-97
 244 by Marcel Weems vs. Kent 9-11-93
Touchdowns: 3 by Greg Gromek vs. Central Michigan 10-4-97
Long Comp.: 77 by Greg Gromek vs. Bowling Green 11-2-96
 73 by Mike Junko vs. Central Michigan 9-30-95
 67 by Brian Magrell vs. Toledo 10-22-94

Receiving

Receptions: 11 by Eddie Alford vs. Western Michigan 10-7-95
 10 by DeShawn Brown vs. Ball State 11-12-94
 9 by Eddie Alford vs. Eastern Michigan 9-2-95
Yards: 154 by DeShawn Brown vs. Ball State 11-12-94
 141 by Eddie Alford vs. Eastern Michigan 9-2-95
 137 by Kenny Chapman vs. Kent 9-11-93
Touchdowns: 2 by Kenny Chapman vs. Kent 9-11-93

Total Offense

Yards: 377 by Brian Magrell vs. Ball State 11-12-94
Team: 573 vs. Central Michigan, 10-4-97

All-Purpose

Yards: 255 by Yasin Reeder vs. Eastern Michigan 11-9-96

Kickoff Returns (4 returns)

Yards: 166 by Jeff Blakely vs. Central Michigan 10-15-94
Avg.: 36.0 by Lew Lawhorn vs. Eastern Michigan 9-2-95
TDs: 1 by Lew Lawhorn vs. Eastern Michigan 9-2-95

Punt Returns

Yards: 65 by Darrien Gouch vs. Western Michigan 9-24-94
Avg.: 32.5 by Darrien Gouch vs. Western Michigan 9-24-94
TDs: 1 by Lew Lawhorn vs. Central Michigan 9-30-95

Scoring

Touchdowns: 3 by Greg Lomax vs. Kent 11-8-97

Points: 18 by Greg Lomax vs. Kent 11-8-97

Punting

Average: 46.2 by Darren Alcorn vs. Ohio 10-3-92

Defense

Interceptions: 3 by Chris Owens vs. Bowling Green 10-24-92

MAC AGAINST THE ZIPS

Rushing

Yards: 304 by Casey McBeth (Toledo) 10-22-94
 202 by Wasean Tait (Toledo) 11-11-95
 186 by Keylan Cates (Bowling Green) 9-16-95
Attempts: 36 by Casey McBeth (Toledo) 10-22-94
Touchdowns: 4 Last, Michael Blair (Ball State) 11-12-94
Yards per Carry: 12.9 by Doug Chapman (Marshall) 10-11-97
Long Runs: 71 by Astron Whatley (Kent) 9-17-94
 66 by James Terrell (Ball State) 11-1-97
 60 by Dwayne Harris (Toledo) 11-11-95

Passing

Completions: 34 by Jose Davis (Kent) 11-8-97
 23 by Walt Church (Eastern Michigan) 11-9-96
 22 by Chad Pennington (Marshall) 10-11-97
Attempts: 59 by Jose Davis (Kent) 11-8-97
Yards: 439 by Charlie Batch (Eastern Michigan) 10-18-97
 419 by Jose Davis (Kent) 11-8-97
 366 by Joe Youngblood (Central Michigan) 9-2-93
Touchdowns: 5 by Jose Davis (Kent) 11-8-97
Long Comp.: 79 by Charlie Batch (Eastern Michigan) 10-18-97

Receiving

Receptions: 15 by Eugene Baker (Kent) 11-8-97
 8 by Ulric King (Western Michigan) 9-19-92
 7 by Keijuan Douglas (Eastern Michigan) 11-9-96
 7 by O. J. Santiago (Kent) 10-5-96
Yards: 236 by Eugene Baker (Kent) 11-8-97
 183 by Ta-if Kumasi (Eastern Michigan) 10-18-97
 169 by Ulric King (Western Michigan) 9-19-92
Touchdowns: 4 by Eugene Baker (Kent) 11-8-97

Total Offense

Yards: 474 Jose Davis (Kent) 11-8-97

All-Purpose

Yards: 370 by Casey McBeth (Toledo) 10-22-94

Kickoff Returns (4 returns)

Yards: 109 by Tyrone Brown (Toledo) 10-22-94
Avg.: 27.2 by Tyrone Brown (Toledo) 10-22-94

TDs: 1 by Steve Clay (Eastern Michigan) 11-6-93

Punt Returns (4 returns)

Yards: 83 by Steve Clay (Eastern Michigan) 11-5-94
Avg.: 20.7 by Steve Clay (Eastern Michigan) 11-5-94
TDs: 1 Last, Keijuan Douglas (Eastern Michigan) 11-9-96

Scoring

Touchdowns: 5 by Casey McBeth (Toledo) 10-22-94

Points: 30 by Casey McBeth (Toledo) 10-22-94

Punting

Average: 49.7 by Brad Maynard (Ball State) 11-12-94

Defense

Interceptions: 2 Last, Marvin Reynolds (Western Michigan) 9-24-94

LAST TIME

BY AKRON

150 Yards Rushing: 173, Greg Lomax vs. Kent, 1997
 200 Yards Rushing: 201, Yasin Reeder vs. E. Michigan, 1996
 25 Rushing Attempts: 26, Yasin Reeder vs. W. Michigan, 1996
 30 Rushing Attempts: 34, Mike Clark vs. Youngstown State, 1986
 3 Touchdowns Rushing: Greg Lomax vs. Kent, 1997
 4 Touchdowns Rushing: Mike Clark vs. Moorehead State, 1985
 5 Touchdowns Rushing: Terry Cameron vs. Northern Iowa, 1978
 70-Yard Run: 73, Chris Rooney vs. Kent, 1996
 80-Yard Run: 87, Greg Lomax vs. Kent, 1997
 90-Yard Run: 92, Greg Lomax vs. Ohio, 1997
 250 Yards Passing: 263, Greg Gromek vs. C. Michigan, 1997
 300 Yards Passing: 347, Brian Magrell vs. Ball State, 1994
 20 Pass Completions: 25, Brian Magrell vs. Ball State, 1994
 30 Pass Attempts: 30, Greg Gromek vs. Marshall, 1997
 40 Pass Attempts: 40, Brian Magrell vs. Ball State, 1994
 2 Touchdown Passes: Brian Magrell vs. E. Michigan, 1995
 3 Touchdown Passes: Greg Gromek vs. C. Michigan, 1997
 3 Interceptions Thrown: Greg Gromek vs. Marshall, 1997
 300 Yards Total Offense: 322, Jeff Sweitzer vs. Youngstown State, 1990
 350 Yards Total Offense: 377, Brian Magrell vs. Ball State, 1994
 100 Yards Receiving: 106, Willie Spencer vs. Marshall, 1997
 150 Yards Receiving: 155, Lew Lawhorn vs. Virginia Tech, 1995
 10 Receptions: 11, Eddie Alford vs. W. Michigan, 1995
 65-Yard Reception: 69, Lavel Bailey from James Washington vs. Nebraska, 1997
 75-Yard Reception: 77, Devon Scott from Greg Gromek vs. Bowling Green, 1996
 80-Yard Reception: 87, Jeff Blakely from Marcel Weems vs. Temple, 1993
 2 Touchdowns Receiving: Kenny Chapman vs. Kent, 1993
 3 Touchdowns Receiving: Dan Ruff vs. Youngstown State, 1969
 Kickoff Return for Touchdown: 93, Lew Lawhorn vs. E. Michigan, 1995
 100-Yard Kickoff Return: 100, Ron Brant vs. Youngstown State, 1982
 Punt Return for Touchdown: 53, Lew Lawhorn vs. C. Michigan, 1995
 70-Yard Punt Return: 74, Mike Hatch vs. W. Illinois, 1971
 200-Yard All-Purpose: 218, Greg Lomax vs. Kent, 1997
 250-Yard All-Purpose: 255, Yasin Reeder vs. E. Michigan, 1996
 Interception for Touchdown: 44, Gary Tyler vs. Tennessee Tech, 1986
 50-Yard Field Goal: 56, Daron Alcorn vs. Toledo, 1992
 500 Yards Total Offense: 554 vs. Kent, 1997
 600 Yards Total Offense: 610 vs. Northern Arizona, 1991
 300 Yards Rushing Offense: 306 vs. Ohio, 1997
 400 Yards Rushing Offense: 470 vs. Kent, 1997
 500 Yards Rushing Offense: 503 vs. Northern Arizona, 1991

BY OPPONENT

100 Yards Rushing: 146, James Terrell, Ball State, 1997
 200 Yards Rushing: 206, Silas Massey, C. Michigan, 1996
 30 Rushing Attempts: 35, Silas Massey, C. Michigan, 1996
 3 Touchdowns Rushing: Silas Massey, C. Michigan, 1996
 4 Touchdowns Rushing: Michael Blair, Ball State, 1994
 70-Yard Run: 71, Astron Whatley, Kent, 1994
 Two Players Rushing for 100 Yards: Cecil Collins (179) & Rondell Mealey (103), LSU, 1997
 300 Yards Passing: 366, Joe Youngblood, C. Michigan, 1993
 400 Yards Passing: 419, Jose Davis, Kent, 1997
 20 Pass Completions: 20, Charlie Batch, E. Michigan, 1997
 30 Pass Completions: 34, Jose Davis, Kent, 1997
 35 Pass Attempts: 35, Chad Pennington, Marshall, 1997
 50 Pass Attempts: 59, Jose Davis, Kent, 1997
 4 Touchdown Passes: Sam Ricketts, Miami, 1997
 5 Touchdown Passes: Jose Davis, Kent, 1997
 3 Interceptions Thrown: Michael Armour, E. Michigan, 1994
 400 Yards Total Offense: 474, Jose Davis, Kent, 1997
 150 Yards Receiving: 183, Ta-if Kumasi, E. Michigan, 1997
 200 Yards Receiving: 239, Eugene Baker, Kent, 1997
 10 Receptions: 15, Eugene Baker, Kent, 1997
 75-Yard Reception: 79, Ta-if Kumasi from Charlie Batch, E. Michigan, 1997
 Kickoff Return for Touchdown: 91, Danny Copeland, E. Kentucky, 1986
 Punt Return for Touchdown: 59, Keijuan Douglas, E. Michigan, 1996
 70-Yard Punt Return: 77, Juan Gorman, Ball State, 1994
 Interception for Touchdown: 98, B. J. Summers, Marshall, 1997
 50-Yard Field Goal: 52, Derek Schorejs, Bowling Green, 1995

HONORS AND AWARDS



Mike Farnella



Joe Mazzafarro



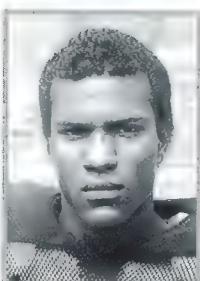
John Verdon



Dave Adolph



Dave Arango



Robert Lyons

ALL-AMERICANS

FIRST TEAM

(+ NCAA Division I-AA)
 '69—John Travis, OG
 '71—Mike Hatch, DB
 '76—Mark Van Horn, OG
 Steve Cockerham, LB
 '77—Steve Cockerham, LB
 '80—+Brad Reese, LB
 '81—+Brad Reese, LB
 '85—+Wayne Grant, DL
 '86—+Mike Clark, RB

HONORABLE MENTION

'40—Mike Farnella, T
 Bennie Flossie, QB
 '54—John Verdon, E
 '68—Ken Delaney, OT
 Tony Pallija, DB
 Dan Ruff, SE
 Don Zwisler, QB
 '69—Jack Beidleman, HB
 Dave Holian, DT
 Tony Pallija, DB
 Dan Ruff, SE
 '70—Jack Beidleman, HB
 Fred DeHart, LB
 Tom DeMarco, OT
 '75—Glenn Evans, SE
 Steve Cockerham, LB
 '76—Glenn Evans, SE
 Al Hodakievic, DT
 '77—Jeff Jesko, OT (3rd team)
 '78—Mike Andy, OT
 Herb Kohler, OG
 '79—Jim Valencheck, DB
 Brad Reese, LB
 Don Schutz, OT
 '82—James Black, RB
 Ed Grimsley, LB
 Dennis Heckman, PK
 Joe Myers, DT
 Tony Philpott, OLB
 '83—James Black, RB
 Clarence Kelly, DB
 Brian Clark, C
 Jeff Lake, LB
 '84—Mike Clark, RB
 Willie Davis, WR

Wayne Grant, MG
 '85—Mike Clark, RB
 Ed Grimsley, LB
 Bill Hadden, OLB
 Russ Klaus, PK
 Mike Teifke, C
 '86—Chris Kelly, TE
 Brian Moran, DB
 Ron Pasquale, OT
 '87—Robert Lyons, DB
 '88—Bill Rudison, P
 '92—Daron Alcorn, P/PK

FOOTBALL NEWS

FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICA

'91—Phil Dunn, LB

ALL-OHIO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

(*indicates All-Ohio Dream Team)

1915—*Ollie Driesbach, T
 1917—*Leroy Tomkinson, QB
 *Virgil Rogers, T
 1919—*Bruce Bierce, E
 *Art Haley, QB
 1921—*Carl Daum, E
 1923—*Ed Kregenow, E
 1924—Hayes Jenkins, HB
 1925—*Frank Wargo, E
 1929—*Ken Cochrane, HB
 1930—*Ken Cochrane, HB
 *Frank Witwer, T
 1933—*Wilson Sparhawk, C

1934—*Earl Hensal, L
 1935—*Earl Hensal, L
 1936—*Bob Bauer, T

1937—*Frank Zazula, HB/QB
 *Dick Miller, DB
 1939—*Frank Zazula, HB/QB

1940—*Andrew Maluke, G
 *Bennie Flossie, QB
 *Mike Farnella, T

1941—*Andrew Maluke, G
 1946—Joe Papp, E
 1950—*Joe Mazzafarro, G

1951—*Joe Mazzafarro, G
 1952—*Joe Mazzafarro, G
 1953—*Chet Bekeleski, C
 *Marion Rossi, QB

1954—John Verdon, QB

1955—*Mario Russo, G
 1956—Tom Boggs, QB
 Jerry Reeves, G
 1958—Dave Adolph, G
 Art Bailey, RB
 Ed Toth, T
 1959—Jim Semester, G
 1960—Frank Lomax, HB
 1961—George Deo, FB
 Ron Ulrich, T
 Tom Adolph, E
 Ray Green, DE
 Tom Lowry, LB
 Ed Lopeman, HB
 1962—John Lahoski, LB
 Tony Butowicz, G
 Tom Adolph, E
 Darrington Seals, HB
 1963—John Lahoski, FB/LB
 Tony Butowicz, G
 Chuck Cobb, HB
 Dick Case, T
 1964—Tony Butowicz, G
 Darrington Seals, HB
 Jim Wehner, DT
 1965—Al Kerkian, DT

OHIO ATH. CONFERENCE MOST VALUABLE LINEMAN

1958—Dave Adolph, G

ALL-OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

1980—Brad Reese, LB
 1981—Brad Reese, LB
 1982—James Black, TB

1937—Brian Clark, C
 Dennis Heckman, PK
 Tony Philpott, LB
 Joe Meyers, T
 Ed Grimsley, LB

1983—James Black, TB
 Dave Arango, DT
 Russell Holmes, LB
 Robert Johnson, DB
 Jeff Lake, LB

1984—Mike Clark, RB
 Wayne Grant, MG
 Willie Davis, WR

1985—Wayne Grant, MG

Mike Clark, RB
 Ed Grimsley, LB
 Bill Hadden, LB
 Russ Klaus, PK
 Mike Teifke, C
 1986—Mike Clark, RB
 Chris Kelley, TE
 Brian Moran, DB
 Ron Pasquale, OT

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

OFFENSIVE MVP

1983—James Black, RB

DEFENSIVE MVP

1983—Dave Arango, DT

ALL-MAC

(*indicates Football News selection)

FIRST TEAM

1992—Daron Alcorn, PK/P
 Vic Green, DB

1996—Jason Taylor, DE

1997—*Kevin Kuntz, OL

SECOND TEAM

1992—Bruce Keys, ILB
 Chris Owens, DB

1996—Andre McCray, FS

HONORABLE MENTION

1993—Eric Agosti, C
 Morris Cosey, DL
 Brett Hrvinak, TE

1994—Symeon Floyd, LB

1995—Lew Lawhorn, WR

1996—Nate Boyd, LB

1997—Nate Boyd, LB

ACADEMIC ALL-MAC

FIRST TEAM

1995—John Harpring, SS
 1996—John Harpring, SS

Mike Junko, QB

Jon Eaton, DB

1997—Mike Hayes, P

HONORABLE MENTION

1992—Peter Habib, DB
 Jeff Junko, LB

1993—Peter Habib, DB

1994—Peter Habib, DB

MAC VERN SMITH NOMINEES

1992—Chris Owens, DB

1993—Marcel Weems, QB

1994—Phil Dunn, LB

1995—Jason Taylor, OLB

1996—Nate Boyd, MLB

1997—Andre McCray, DB

ALL-STAR GAMES

1992—Victor Green, DB

—Bruce Keys, ILB

(All-American Bowl)

1992—Daron Alcorn, P/PK

(East-West Shrine Game)

1996—Jason Taylor, DE

(Blue-Gray Classic)

(Senior Bowl)

1997—Jamie Reader, FB

(Hula Bowl)

NFL DRAFT PICKS

1987—Chris Kelley, TE

(Pittsburgh, 7th rd., No. 178)

1993—Daron Alcorn, PK

(Tampa Bay, 8th rd., No. 224)

1997—Jason Taylor, DE

(Miami, 3rd rd., No. 73)

DISTRICT IV ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA

1980—Andy Graham, PK

1993—Jeff Junko, P

1996—Jon Eaton, DB

GTE-CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

1980—Andy Graham, PK

Anyone who can provide documentation thereby adding to these records is welcome to do so by contacting the Sports Information Office.

A HONORS AND AWARDS

TOUCHDOWN CLUB TROPHY

In conjunction with its annual football banquet, the Akron Touchdown Club presents two trophies, one to the outstanding lineman of the year and the other to the outstanding back, as determined by the UA coaching staff and the players.

OUTSTANDING LINEMAN

'97—Kevin Kuntz, OL
'96—Jason Taylor, DE
'95—Andy Kittle, OL
—Mack Warren, DL
'94—Phil Dunn, LB
'93—Eric Agostini, OL
'92—Wayne Anderson, DL
'91—Brett Jackson, OL
—Mike O'Connor, OL
'90—Brian Hilk, LB
'89—Pierce Joiner, DT
'88—Pierce Joiner, DT
'87—Doug Knepp, DT
'86—Ron Pasquale, OT
'85—Wayne Grant, MG
'84—Wayne Grant, MG
'83—Jim Anderson, DT
'82—Frank Mazgaj, LB
'81—Scott Miller, DT
'80—Brad Reese, LB
'79—Dave Flegal, DT
'78—Herb Kohler, OG
'77—Bob Wolf, MG
'76—Al Hodakievic, DT
'75—Glenn Evans, SE
'74—Paul Dorando, OG
'73—Rick Madden, DT
'72—Carl Richards, OT
'71—Denny Blake, LB
'70—Ken Kummel, DE
'69—Dave Holian, DT
'68—Ken Delaney, OT
'67—Jim Welling, MG
'66—Jim Welling, MG
'65—Doug Thomson, T
'64—Dick Case, T
'63—Dick Case, T
'62—Tony Butowicz, G
'61—Ron Ulrich, T
'60—Ron Ulrich, T
'59—Jim Semester, G
'58—Ed Toth, T
'57—Jim Weiss, T
'56—Jerry Reeves, T
'55—Mario Russo, G
'54—John Verdon, E
'53—Joe Malone, G
'52—Joe Mazzafarro, G
'51—Joe Mazzafarro, G

OUTSTANDING BACK

'97—Greg Lomax, RB
'96—Andre McCray, FS
'95—Jon Eaton, DB
—Jamie Reader, RB
'94—DeShawn Brown, RB
'93—Marcel Weems, QB
'92—Victor Green, DB
'91—Tyrone Nelson, FB
'90—Ozzie Jackson, CB
'89—Derek Alston, TB
'88—Doug Lewis, TB
'87—Chris Frowner, DB

—John Motton, FB
'86—Mike Clark, TB
'85—Mike Clark, TB
'84—Tim Wallace, DB
'83—James Black, TB
'82—James Black, TB
'81—Dennis Brumfield, TB
'80—Ricky Holman, DB
'79—Paul Winters, HB
'78—Redell Windley, HB
'77—Charles Parnell, DB
'76—Cheo Akili, DB
'75—Tom Wilhelm, FB
'74—Tom Wilhelm, FB
'73—Eric Schoch, QB
'72—Gary Yost, DB
'71—Mike Hatch, DB
'70—Jack Beidleman, HB
'69—Jack Beidleman, HB
'68—Jack Beidleman, HB
'67—Don Zwieler, QB
'66—Ron Tyson, FB
'65—Mike Martin, QB
'64—Darrington Seals, HB
'63—John Lahoski, FB
'62—George Deo, FB
'61—George Deo, FB
'60—Frank Lomax, HB
'59—John Stone, QB
—Gino Calcei, HB
'58—Art Bailey, HB
'57—Art Bailey, HB
'56—Art Bailey, HB
'55—John Williams, HB
'54—Marion Rossi, QB
'53—Jim Horrigan, HB
'52—Glenn Wilson, FB
'51—Buster Rizzo, HB

FRED SEFTON AWARD

Presented annually for outstanding performance in football. Since 1961, the award has been split—one for offense and one for defense. Named for former UA coach and head of the physical education department Fred Sefton, who retired in June 1954, after 38 years of active service with the University.

'97—Greg Lomax, RB
—Andre McCray, DB
—Geo. Germany, DB
'96—Chris Rooney, FB
—Nate Boyd, MLB
—Andre McCray, FS
'95—Jozef Jakab, PK
—Jason Taylor, LB
'94—Darin Ford, RB
—Pete Habib, DB
'93—Kenny Chapman, WR
—Odell Robbins, LB
'92—Marcel Weems, QB
—Chris Owens, DB
'91—Harold Robinson, WR
—Chris Owens, DB
'90—Jeff Sweitzer, QB
—Shawn Vincent, CB
'89—Mike Johnson, QB
—John Clark, LB
'88—Leonard Thomas, WR
—Terry Mays, OLB

'87—Kurt Latell, TE
—Mike Rahach, LB
'86—Mike Clark, TB
—Brian Moran, DB
'85—Mike Clark, TB
—Wayne Grant, MG
'84—Mike Clark, TB
—Wayne Grant, MG
'83—James Black, TB
—Jeff Lake, LB
'82—James Black, TB
—Ed Grimsley, LB
'81—Dennis Brumfield, TB
—Brad Reese, LB
'80—Dennis Brumfield, TB
—Brad Reese, LB
'79—Paul Winters, HB
—Brad Reese, LB
'78—Redell Windley, HB
—Mike Holian, DT
'77—Mark Hovanec, FB
—Steve Cockerham, LB
'76—Greg Thurman, HB
—Steve Cockerham, LB
'75—Tom Wilhelm, FB
—Steve Cockerham, LB
'74—Bob Clayton, SE
—Denny Hamad, DT
'73—Mac Thomas, SE
—Bob Holian, DT
'72—Tom O'Connor, OG
—Carl Richards, OT
—Denny Blake, LB
'71—Bob Shilling, OT
—Mike Hatch, DB
'70—Jack Beidleman, HB
—Fred Hart, LB
'69—Jack Beidleman, HB
—Dave Holian, DT
'68—Don Zwieler, QB
—Harold Peterson, LB
'67—Paul Paxton, OT
—Barry Gilway, LB
'66—Ron Tyson, FB
—Jon Denholm, DE
'65—Jim Barton, TE
—Al Kerkian, DT
'64—Ray Glinsky, E
—Jim Wehner DT
'63—John Lahoski, FB
—Tom Lowry, LB
'62—Joe Mackey, QB
—George Grosso, DE
'61—Joe Mackey, QB
—Ray Greene, DE
'60—Jim Lupori, WB
'59—Gino Calcei, WB
'58—Al Smesko, WB
'57—Tom Boggs, QB
'56—George Shadie, G
'55—Ron Lancianese, G
'54—John Cistone, QB
'53—Marion Rossi, QB

HARRY "DOC" SMITH AWARD
Given in remembrance of a man who gave himself to the University through his activity in his chosen field, health and physical education. This plaque is awarded each year to an outstanding player in each class.

SENIORS

'97—Jamie Reader, FB
—Corey Christian, DE
'96—Jason Taylor, DE
'95—Jozef Jakab, PK
'94—Jeff Junko, OLB-P
'93—Ken Williams, DL
'92—Chris Owens, DB
—Victor Green, DB
'91—Jeff Sweitzer, QB
'90—Scott Brown, NG
'89—Curtis Williams, DE
'88—John Buddenberg, OT
—Brad Reese, LB
'87—Doug Knepp, DT
—Jay Miller, OLB
'86—Mike Clark, TB
'85—Wayne Grant, MG
'84—Doug Dillon, LB
'83—James Black, TB
—Tony Philpott, LB
'81—Brad Reese, LB
'80—Ricky Holman, DB
'79—Paul Winters, HB
'78—Redell Windley, HB
—Steve Cockerham, LB
'77—Mark VanHorn, OG
'75—Tom Wilhelm, FB
'74—Denny Hamad, DT
'73—Bob Holian, DT
'72—Tom O'Connor, OG
—Mike Hatch, DB
'70—Ken Kummel, DE
'69—John Vargo, FB
'68—Don Zwieler, QB
'67—Charles Marquess, HB
—Jim Braccio, DB
'66—Joe Richardson, HB
'64—Tony Butowicz, G
'63—John Lahoski, FB
'62—Herman Huth, T
—Jim Lupori, E
'60—Marco Burnette, QB
'59—Wayne Lytle, T
—Dave Adolph, G
'57—Bob Hatherill, C
—Harold Peterson, LB
'68—Don Zwieler, QB
—Barry Gilway, LB
'66—Ron Tyson, FB
—Jon Denholm, DE
'65—Jim Barton, TE
—Al Kerkian, DT
'64—Ray Glinsky, E
—Jim Wehner DT
'63—John Lahoski, FB
—Tom Lowry, LB
'62—Joe Mackey, QB
—George Grosso, DE
'61—Joe Mackey, QB
—Ray Greene, DE
'60—Jim Lupori, WB
'59—Gino Calcei, WB
'58—Al Smesko, WB
'57—Tom Boggs, QB
'56—George Shadie, G
'55—Ron Lancianese, G
'54—John Cistone, QB
'53—Marion Rossi, QB

JUNIORS

'97—Andre McCray, DB
—Carl Whitt, WR
'96—Nate Boyd, MLB
'95—Jason Taylor, LB
'94—Darwin Wilson, LB
—Phil Dunn, LB
'92—Marcel Weems, QB
'91—Victor Green, DB
'90—John Clark, LB
—Tyrone Nelson, FB
'89—Brian Hilk, LB
—Bob Singletary, FB
—Mike Johnson, QB
'87—Robert Lyons, DB
'86—Doug Knepp, DT
'85—Mike Clark, TB
—Tim Wallace, DB
'83—Jeff Lake, LB
'82—James Black, TB
'81—Fred Robertson, DB
—Brad Reese, LB
'79—Ricky Holman, DB
'78—Paul Winters, HB
—Bruce Mackey, E
'77—Mike Holian, DT

'76—Steve Cockerham, LB
'75—Jim Meyer, MG
'74—Mark Fowler, DE
'73—Brian Ellis, DE-PK
'72—Bob Holian, LB
'71—Calvin Pierce, HB
'70—Mike Hatch, LB
'69—Jack Beidleman, HB
'68—John Vargo, FB
'67—Ken Delaney, T
—Jon Eaton, DB
'66—Jon Delholm, DE
'65—Jim Braccio, HB
'64—Jim Barton, E
'63—Ray Glinsky, E
'62—John Lahoski, F
'61—Toni Adolph, E
'60—Jim Lupori, WB
'59—Marco Burnette, QB
—Frank Lomax, HB
—Tom Murphy, HB
'58—Gino Calcei, HB
'57—Ed Toth, G
'56—Bob Hatherill, C
—Gene White, E
'55—Jerry Reeves, T
—John Wiener, HB
'54—Mario Russo, G
'53—John Verdon, E
—George Shadie, E

SOPHOMORES

'97—No award given
'96—Andre McCray, FS
'95—Jamie Reader, RB
'94—Symeon Floyd, OLB
—Brian Gabriesheski, G
'93—DeShawn Brown, RB
'92—Phil Dunn, LB
'91—Wayne Anderson, DL
'90—Mike Orbovich, TE
'89—Tyrone Nelson, FB
'88—Brian Hilk, LB
—Shawn Vincent, DB
'87—John Motton, FB
'86—John Buddenberg, OT
'85—Doug Knepp, DT
'84—Mike Clark, TB
—Greg Reed, LB
'82—Ed Grimsley, LB
'81—Darren Morgan, DB
'80—Joe Myers, DT
'79—Brad Reese, LB
—Juan Pope, C
'77—Paul Winters, HB
'76—Marty Bezbatchesko, QB
—Keith Luck, LB
'75—Steve Cockerham, LB
'74—Chris Angeloff, TE
'73—Paul Dorando, OG
'72—Dick Pitts, LB
'71—Bob Holian, MG
'70—Luke Marchmont, DT
'69—Mike Hatch, LB
'68—Dan Ruff, SE
'67—John Vargo, FB
'66—Ron Tyson, FB
'65—Mike Martin, QB
—Jim Braccio, HB
'63—Jim Barton, E
'62—Joe Richardson, HB
'61—Tom Lowry, FB
'60—Joe Mackey, QB
—Ray Greene, E
'58—Marco Burnette, QB
—Bruce Mackey, E
'57—Ron Bailey, T

JOHN HEISMAN AWARD

Given in memory of Akron's first athletic director and football coach John W. Heisman (in 1893). The award is presented annually to the team's unsung hero for the intangibles he provides during practice sessions and for inspiring his teammates.

'97—Ellery Bradford, LB

'96—Ellery Bradford, LB

UA HALL OF FAME

A

Abel, Frank—Soccer '89
 Adams Alex L.—Basketball '75
 Adolph, Dave G.—Football '80
 Adolph, J. Thomas—Baseball '77
 Aiken, James—Coach '81*
 Amison, Isavelt—Football '81
 Appleby, David W.—Track '75
 Arango, David G.—Football, '95
 Ayers, Fred—Administration '79
 Azar, Floyd P.—Football '77*

B

Bailey, Art—Football '78
 Barnes, David—Golf '91
 Barton, James—Baseball '81
 Bauer, Robert—Football '88*
 Beichly, Russell J.—Coach '75
 Beidleman, Jack E. Jr.—Football '80
 Bender, Ed—Soccer '85
 Bender, Waldemar—Soccer '93
 Berentz, Randy N.—Basketball '94
 Bezbatchenko, Mark—Swimming '89
 Bierce, Bruce W. "Scotty"—Football '75
 Birkbeck, Michael L.—Baseball '92
 Black, James R.—Football '92
 Blair, Howard "Red"—Coach '77*
 Boedicker, Earl O.—Football '84*
 Boggs, Thomas G.—Football '83
 Braccio, Jim—Football '90
 Britton, John—Basketball '94
 Brodt, Carl—Basketball '85 *
 Brown, Virgil—Track '83
 Brumfield, Dennis—Football '92
 Brunner, Ford W. III—Soccer '83
 Bulger, Dr. Charles—Admin '78*
 Butowicz, Tony—Football '78

C

Campbell, Al—Cross-Country '79
 Case, Richard J.—Football '91
 Cistone, John—Baseball '88
 Clark, Michael K.—Football '96
 Cobb, Charles H.—Football '94
 Cochrane, Kenneth "Red"—Football '75
 Cockerham, Steve—Football '87
 Costigan, Charles J.—Football '93
 Crisp, Park "Tumble"—Football '76

D

Daily, John—Wrestling '85
 Daum, Carl V.—Football '77
 Davis, Sue—Basketball '87
 Delaney, Ken—Football '89
 DeMarco, Tom—Football '90
 Dennison, James—Coach '86
 Deo, George E.—Football '84
 Dienoff, Phil—Track '86*
 Dreisbach, Ollie—Football '79*

E

Eberwine, James A.—Rifley '83
 Edwards, Tim—Golf '85
 Estey, Russell G.—Basketball '77 *
 Evans, Glenn—Football '86
 Evans, Thomas H.—Coach '75 *

F

Fenton, James "Red"—Basketball '77
 Fernella Mike—Football '78*
 Fisher, Frank—Football '78
 Fleischer, David—Baseball '97
 Florin, Ignatius—Football '84 *
 Flossie, Ben—Football '79*
 Fry, Harold E.—Football '77

G

Ginsky, Ray—Baseball '79
 Glover, Harvey H.—Basketball '93
 Golding, Fred—Basketball '79
 Graham, Andy—Football '93

Grant, Wayne—Football '97
 Greene, Ray—Football '85
 Griffin, Cletus—Cross-Country '83
 Guthrie, Peter G.—Wrestling '82

H

Haley, Art—Football '79*
 Hall, Allan W.—Coach '87
 Harkins, Harry "Mike"—Basketball '75
 Hatch, Mike M.—Football '82
 Heckman, Dennis A.—Football, '94
 Heffelman, Robert—Golf '97
 Heideman, William N.—Track '75
 Heisman, John—Coach '86*
 Hensal, Earl—Football '76*
 Henterly, William E.—Track '93
 Hodakievic, Al—Football '90
 Holian, Dave—Football '84

Holmes, Russell—Football/Basketball '96
 Horvath, Robert J.—Basketball '83
 Huggins, Robert E.—Coach '93

J

Jackson, Lee R.—Football '75*
 Jahant, Charles J. Sr.—Basketball '78*
 Jakubick, Joseph J.—Basketball '93
 Jenkins, Hayes—Football '76
 Jenkins, Verlin—Football '78 *
 Johnson, Lillbern "Nubs"—Football '82
 Jones, Jack—Baseball '92
 Jones, Lisa Gunderson—Volleyball '91

K

Kerkian, Alan A.—Football, '95
 Kesseling, Greg—Wrestling, '95
 Kissner, John—Soccer '90
 Knowles, Kim—Women's Basketball '89
 Knowlton, Art—Basketball '76 *
 Knowlton, John—Basketball '87 *
 Knowlton, William H.—Basketball '95
 Kochosky, Neil D.—Soccer '96
 Kregenow, Edwin L.—Football '77
 Krino, Mike—Football '76
 Kruppa, Walt—Soccer '88
 Kungl, Ferdinand "Fritz"—Soccer '75

L

Lahoski John A.—Football '76
 Larson, Gordon K.—Coach '75
 Laterza, Anthony "Tony"—Coach '75
 Lautenschlegar, Paul H.—Wrestling '91
 Lee, Climon—Basketball '77
 Linton, Jean A.—Rifley '80
 Lomax, Frank—Football '87
 Long, Edmond E.—Soccer '84 *
 Lopeman, Edward E.—Football '94
 Lovett, John A.—Track '82
 Luth, James W.—Track '94
 Lutsch, John H.—Basketball '77*

M

Mahan, Fulton—Basketball '89*
 Maluke, Andrew W.—Football '75*
 Mazzaferro, Joe—Football '76
 McCallion, Dan—Cross-Country/Track '92
 McDonald, Patrick J.—Swimming '84
 Millich, Pete—Soccer '78
 Miller, Harold "Slats"—Basketball '79
 Mohr, William—Basketball '94
 Moore, Calvin L.—Basketball '92

N

Nagy, Fred K. "Fritz"—Basketball '76*
 Nanchok, George—Soccer '86

O

O'Connor, Mary "Casey"—W's Basketball '92
 O'Hare, Terrence N.—Track '95

P

Pallija, Tony—Football '85
 Palmer, Clarence A.—Football '80*



Wayne Grant, Inducted Feb., 1998

Papp, Joseph—Football '88
 Parnell, Charles—Football '88
 Parry, James M.—Soccer '95
 Parry, W. Stuver "Stu"—Coach '75
 Paul, Len—Basketball '83

Pereira, Joseph M.—Soccer '94
 Piper, Kay—Softball '94
 Pryear, Ray—Basketball '84

Q

Quarles, Larry—Basketball '97
 Queiroga, Joseph L.—Soccer '82

R

Reese, Bradley J.—Football '92
 Reeves, Gerald M.—Football '77
 Ritchie, Nathan—Cross Country '97
 Rockwell, Frank W.—Football '82*
 Rogers, Virgil—Football '89*
 Rossi, Marion—Football '86*
 Ruff, Dan—Football '80
 Russell, C. Willard—Football '94
 Russo, Mario—Football '76

S

Schoch, Eric E.—Football '91
 Schutz, Donald E.—Football '93
 Schwarzsinger, Wilhelm—Basketball '92
 Scruggs, Gene—Football '79

Seals, Darrington—Football '89
 Sefton, Fred S.—Coach '75*

Serves, Sam—Basketball '81

Sir Louis, Vern—Basketball '88
 Sloan, Jerry—Basketball '88

Smith, Bob—Basketball '85
 Smith, Harry "Doc"—Coach-Trainer '90*

Sparkhawk, Wilson—Football '85*
 Spessard, Carl—Football '84

Stevens, William E.—Basketball '80
 Sturgeon, Bill—Football '79 *

Swertfager, Bill—Baseball '96
 Swigart, Clarence M.—Football '83

T

Thompson, Frank—Basketball '86
 Tomkinson, Leroy "Tommy"—Basketball '76*
 Torma, Rose Marie—Softball '97
 Toth, Ed—Football '81

Tsaloff, Carl—Football '78

Turner, Billy—Basketball '76

Turner, Richard—Track '87
 Turner, Toreeda K.—Basketball '96

U

Ulrich, Ronald A.—Football '96

V

Vance, Dani—Softball '93
 Van Horn, Mark—Football '88
 Vaughn, Henry V. "Hank"—Basketball '75*
 Viebranz, Dean L.—Softball '95

W

Wahl, Frank "Whitey"—Football '76

Waldsmith, Ralph "Fats"—Football '78*
 Walker, Robert "Bobby"—Basketball '78
 Wargo, Frank "Doc"—Football '78*
 Webb, Wyatt—Coach '81
 Wentz, Edward—Basketball '75*
 Wetherbee, George—Cross-Country '80
 Whaley, Bob—Basketball '81
 Wiener, John—Track '86
 Wilfong, William G.—Wrestling '89
 Wilyard, Eldrid G.—Basketball '91*
 Wilson, Edward L.—Basketball '90
 Williams, Don—Basketball '78
 Winters, Paul—Football '89
 Witwer, Frank C.—Football '91*
 Wolfe, Earl E.—Basketball '91
 Wormald, Larry—Wrestling '87

Y

Young, Charles R.—Cross-Country '90
 Young, Dave J.—Baseball '82

Z

Zazula, Frank A.—Football '75
 Zemla, Joseph M.—Football '77
 Zimmerman, Guy "Red"—Football '76*
 Zwislter, Don—Football '81

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Albrecht, Fred '79
 Auburn, Dr Norman P '87
 Didonato, Rudy '92
 Dietrich, Phil '80
 Dudich, Porfere "Porky" '81
 Ellis, William N. '90
 Gates, Robert Wylie '91
 Hackim, Linc '88*
 Hansel Dr John '93
 Hopkins, Elza E. '94
 Leib, Bill '82
 Mallo, Dr George '89
 McCready, James P. '97
 Mitchell, Ray '96
 Morris, Clyde "Bud" '84
 Otterman, Robert J '95
 Pardee, Caroline '85
 Simonetti, Dr Frank '88
 Thompson, Dr. Herb '89

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Burg, H. Peter '94
 Considine, William H. '92
 Elias, Eddie '93
 Garcia, Andrew O. '91
 Lengel, Jack '90
 Morrison, Robert R. '97
 Mott, Dr Robert A. '89*
 Novell, Ned '96
 Watts, Douglas J. '95

NOTE: The year after each name indicates the induction class year. All people have been inducted between 1975-1996.

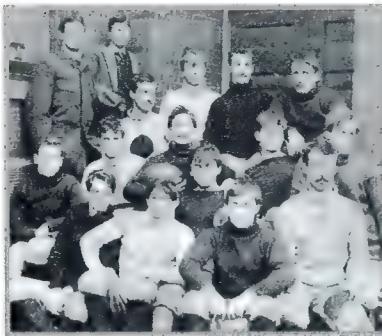
The following five athletes have been voted into the Hall of Fame, but will not be inducted until they are present in Akron for the induction ceremony.

Travis, John—Football '81
 Malcolm, James—Soccer '88
 Barnett, Nate—Basketball '90
 Jones, Jack—Rifley '91
 English, Matthew W.—Soccer '92

*deceased

RECORDS/HISTORY

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EARLY HISTORY*John W. Heisman's first team in 1893.*

Since 1882, Buchtel College students had clamored for the administration to sanction football. In 1890, the upperclassmen defeated the freshmen, 30-8. In 1891, BC fielded its first intercollegiate football team.

As a member of the Ohio Intercollegiate Athletic Association (a forerunner of the Ohio Conference), Buchtel College participated in baseball, track, and oratorical contests. On June 5, 1891, at the annual meeting of the association, a proposal was made and passed that the colleges in the association must field football teams or be dropped from the group. Teams in the association included Denison, Kenyon, Ohio State, Adelbert (now Case Western Reserve), and Buchtel College. Rather than drop, Buchtel College decided to form a team for intercollegiate competition. That summer, a committee headed by freshman Wilson Putt journeyed from Buchtel to the University of Pennsylvania campus to find out the intricacies of this relatively new game.

On Monday, Oct. 26, BC traveled to Hudson, Ohio, and defeated Western Reserve Academy 22-6. Johnson McLean scored all 22 points in the victory. The first intercollegiate game was played the following week against Kenyon on an area that eventually became Buchtel Field.

Robert Osbourne, a player on that first team, wrote in 1919: "The game was a much fiercer proposition than at present. All massed plays were in vogue, including the flying wedge, and when 22 men came together after a five-or ten-yard start, in a double-V formation, something happened to the men in the frontlines of those Vs. A man could not be taken out of the game unless he had received sufficient damage to disable him from further participation. Broken arms, legs, noses, shoulders, ribs, etc., were in the inventory of the game."

Football in those days was a far cry from the present day. Halves were 45 minutes, the field was 110 yards long, and scoring went as follows: TD-4 points, field goal-5 points, extra point kick and safety-2 points.

The most successful season in those early years came in 1910 when team captain Lee Jackson led BC to a record of 7-2. The fullback, highlighted the season by intercepting four passes against Wooster and scoring three touchdowns in the Hiram battle.

1968 GRANTLAND RICE BOWL

Louisiana Tech 33, Akron 13
at Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Dec. 14

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|------|----|---|---|----|---|----|
| Tech | 21 | 0 | 0 | 12 | - | 33 |
| Zips | 0 | 7 | 6 | 0 | - | 13 |

MURFREESBORO — It was the first bowl appearance for either team when The University of Akron and Louisiana Tech met in the fifth annual Grantland Rice Bowl for the College Division Mideast Region Championship. Both teams also touted quarterbacks who rewrote their respective record books. For the Zips, it was senior Don Zwisler who entered the contest ranked fourth in the nation in passing. For the Bulldogs, it was junior Terry Bradshaw who ranked first in the country.

Bradshaw and the Bulldogs jumped out to a quick lead on the Zips with three touchdowns in the first quarter to take the 21-0 advantage. Akron finally got on the board with 1:50 remaining in the first half when junior fullback John Vargo went in from 1-yard for the Akron touchdown. At 28, Vargo was also the oldest collegiate running back in the country.

The Zips opened the second half with their most impressive drive of the day as they marched 80 yards in 19 plays as sophomore halfback Jack Beidleman took the ball in from 13 yards for the Akron score.

The Zips, though, could draw no closer as Bradshaw again led the Bulldogs to the end zone two more times in the fourth quarter to round out the scoring.

On the day, Bradshaw rushed for two scores and threw for two more giving the football world a glimpse of things-to-come for the NFL Hall of Fame quarterback.

Scoring Summary

LT - Bradshaw 16 run (Golmon kick)
LT - Spinks 36 pass from Bradshaw (Golmon kick)
LT - Herren 2 run (Golmon kick)
UA - Vargo 1 run (Harrison kick)
UA - Beidleman 13 run (kick blocked)
LT - Brewer 6 pass from Bradshaw (kick failed)
LT - Bradshaw 8 run (pass failed)

| | LT | UA |
|---------------|---------|--------|
| First Downs | 21 | 14 |
| Rushing Yards | 86 | 118 |
| Passing | 33/19/2 | 21/6/3 |
| Passing Yards | 261 | 78 |
| Total Offense | 347 | 196 |

UA Individual:

Ron Lemon, 18 rushes, 75 yards
Jack Beidleman, 18 rushes, 48 yards; 2 recs, 22 yards
Dan Ruff, 4 receptions, 56 yards

1976 NCAA DIV. II PLAYOFF

Akron 27, UNLV 6
at Rubber Bowl, Akron, Ohio

Nov. 27

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|------|----|----|---|---|---|----|
| UNLV | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 6 |
| Zips | 10 | 10 | 0 | 7 | - | 27 |

AKRON — It was all Akron as the Zips played host to the University of Nevada-Las Vegas at the Akron Rubber Bowl in the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division II Playoffs. Akron head coach Jim Dennison's trademark running attack was true-to-form as the Blue and Gold racked-up 419 yards on the ground, while the defense held the Rebel runners to only 8 yards and controlled the game.

The Zips got on the board first when they took the opening kick-off down to the Las Vegas 7-yard line where Jim Embick split the uprights for the 24-yard field goal and the Akron 3-0 lead. UNLV would get their only point production of the afternoon on the ensuing kick-off when 5-6, 143 pound freshman Ken Bowls took the Embick kick in the end zone and returned it 100-yards for the Rebel touchdown and a 6-3 lead after the extra point attempt missed. The Zips regained the lead for good later in the first half when quarterback Marty Bezbatchenko got loose for 43-yard scamper and a touchdown. Akron added 10 more points in the second quarter on a 1-yard Mark Hovanec run and a 24-yard Embick field goal. Bezbatchenko closed-out the scoring in the fourth quarter when he hit senior wide receiver Glenn Evans from 14-yards for the Akron touchdown.

For Akron, the win marked the first post-season victory in program history. Now, with the season extended yet another week, the Zips would wait for Northern Michigan to come to town and continue their march toward the Division II title game.

Scoring Summary

UA - Embick 24-yard field goal
UNLV - Bowls 100-yard kickoff return (kick failed)
UA - Bezbatchenko 43-yard run (Embick kick)
UA - Hovanec 1-yard run (Embick kick)
UA - Embick 24-yard field goal
UA - Evans 14-yard pass from Bezbatchenko (Embick kick)

| | UA | UNLV |
|---------------|--------|---------|
| First Downs | 25 | 14 |
| Rushes/Yards | 77/419 | 16/8 |
| Passes | 10/5/1 | 42/19/3 |
| Passing Yards | 31 | 241 |

UA Individual:

Mark Hovanec, 21 rushes, 111 yards
Marty Bezbatchenko, 14 rushes, 88 yards
Glenn Evans, 4 receptions, 31 yards, 1 touchdown

1976 KNUTE ROCKNE BOWL

Akron 29, N. Michigan 26
at Rubber Bowl, Akron, Ohio

Dec. 4

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|------|----|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| N.M. | 10 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 3 | - | 26 |
| Zips | 7 | 7 | 0 | 9 | 6 | - | 29 |

AKRON — There was plenty of history between the Zips and the Wildcats, and on this day they would make a new entry into the books by playing the first OT game in the history of the NCAA football playoffs. Regular opponents, Akron had defeated NMU the past six seasons, including two by shutout.

The Zips were down by 10 points before the Akron rushing machine began to roll. With 2:48 remaining in the quarter, junior half-back Dave Axner took a Marty Bezbatchenko hand off on the right side and sprinted 56-yards to the end zone. Akron took the lead in the closing minutes of the half when Axner hit paydirt again from six yards to help the Zips to a 14-10 lead entering the locker room.

NMU scored again on their first drive of the second half but missed on a two point conversion. In the fourth quarter Axner scored his third TD of the day on a 3-yard run. The Zips, too, missed on a two point try leaving them with the 20-16 lead. NMU retook the lead after a QB fumble on the Akron 1-yard line and OL Roy Brown recovered for the score. Down by three points with 3:29 left on the clock, UA had one final shot. Starting on their own 29-yard line, Akron drove the ball to the NMU 18-yard line where kicker Jim Embick split the uprights with :01 left to tie the contest at 23-23 and send it into OT.

With each team trading a series from the opponent 15-yard line, the Zips won the toss and elected to defend. They pushed the Wildcats back to the 23-yard line where they hit a field goal. The offense then took over and ran off three rushing plays to move the ball to the 1-yard line where Bezbatchenko went over on a QB keeper to seal the victory.

Scoring Summary

NMU - Awrey 1-yard run (Harves kick)
NNU - Harves 31-yard field goal
UA - Axner 56-yard run (Embick kick)
UA - Axner 6 yard run (Embick kick)
NNU - Awrey 4-yard run (pass failed)
UA - Axner 3-yard run (run failed)
NNU - Brown 1-yard fumble recovery (Harves kick)
UA - Embick 35-yard field goal
NNU - Harves 39-yard field goal
UA - Bezbatchenko 1-yard run

| | UA | NNU |
|---------------|--------|---------|
| First Downs | 16 | 21 |
| Rushes/Yards | 60/271 | 51/97 |
| Passes | 6/2/2 | 27/16/2 |
| Passing Yards | 60 | 251 |

UA Individual:
Dave Axner - 15 rushes, 122 yards, 3 TD's
Greg Thurman - 10 rushes, 54 yards
Mark Hovanec - 15 rushes, 48 yards

1976 PIONEER BOWL

Montana State 24, Akron 13
at Memorial Stadium, Wichita Falls, Texas

Dec. 11

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|---------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| Zips | 0 | 0 | 7 | 6 | - | 13 |
| Bobcats | 0 | 14 | 3 | 7 | - | 24 |

WICHITA FALLS — It was a windy and bitter cold day in Wichita Falls, Texas, when the Zips met #1 ranked Montana State for the NCAA Division II National Championship. It was a day made for the ground game and ball control offenses, and the opponents would not disappoint. UA entered the contest averaging 251.2 yards per game on the ground, while Montana State ranked first in the nation cranking out 287.5 yards per game on turf.

The teams played to a scoreless tie through the first quarter and most of the second. MS finally broke the ice with a 5-yard pass to cap a 51-yard drive with 5:47 remaining in the half to jump out to the 7-0 lead. The Bobcats scored again with :27 left in the half to take the 14-0 lead at intermission. Montana controlled the ball for 19:09 in the first stanza and gathered in 12 first downs, compared to 10:51 and two first downs for UA.

The Bobcats added a field goal in the third quarter to take the 17-0 lead before UA could take advantage of a Montana mistake. Charles Parnell recovered a Bobcat fumble at the MS 30-yard line. Akron got on the board five plays later when Dave Axner ran in from 3-yards with 1:33 left in the third quarter. UA caught another break early in the fourth quarter when senior Louis Formen intercepted a MS pass and set the Zips up at the Bobcat 25-yard line. Akron QB Marty Bezbatchenko finished the three-play drive with a 22-yard strike to Glenn Evans.

The Montana State defense, however, took matters into their own hands by shutting the Zips down while the offense added one more TD for the final 24-13 score. While the Zips had fallen 11 points short of a National Championship, the 1976 team provided countless exciting memories for Akron fans for years to come.

Scoring Summary

MS - McCullough 5-yard pass from Dennehy (Muri kick)
MS - Damberger 3-yard pass from Ueland (Muri kick)
MS - Muri 21-yard field goal
UA - Axner 3-yard run (Embick kick)
UA - Evans 22-yard pass from Bezbatchenko (kick failed)
MS - Kosterba 7-yard run (Muri kick)

| | UA | MS |
|---------------|--------|--------|
| First Downs | 14 | 19 |
| Rushes/Yards | 44/179 | 67/266 |
| Passes | 19/7/2 | 10/7/2 |
| Passing Yards | 91 | 50 |

UA Individual:
Greg Thurman, 10 rushes, 44 yards
Dave Axner, 11 rushes, 42 yards
Glenn Evans, 4 receptions, 60 yards, 1 TD

1985 NCAA DIV. I-AA PLAYOFF

Rhode Island 35, Akron 27
at Meade Stadium, Kingston, R.I.

Nov. 30

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|------|---|----|----|---|---|----|
| Zips | 0 | 7 | 14 | 6 | - | 27 |
| Rams | 0 | 14 | 14 | 7 | - | 35 |

KINGSTON — With a come-from-behind 17-14 victory over Austin Peay to finish the regular season at 8-3, Akron headed to battle the Rhode Island Rams in round one of the NCAA I-AA playoffs. It was the Zips' first playoff showing since the move to Division I.

The Zips' powerful running attack had a few question marks entering the game. Junior tailback Mike Clark, who averaged 148 yards per game through the first seven contests had been hampered by a sprained ankle and totaled only 115 yards in the last three games. Although Akron fell to the Rams 35-27, Clark came through in style, churning out 172-yards and one TD.

After a scoreless first quarter, Rhode Island got on the board with a 3-yard TD pass and extra point to make the score 7-0. After the Rams drove to the UA 17-yard line on their next possession, the Akron special teams took over. The field goal attempt was blocked and returned 77-yards for the score. After Rhode Island jumped out to a 14 point lead on TD's late in the second and mid-way through the third quarters, Akron mounted another comeback as defensive lineman Steve Rafac intercepted a Tom Ehrhardt pass and returned it 16-yards for the TD. The next Akron score came when Clark capped off a 55-yard drive with a 1-yard run over the middle. Clark rushed for all 55 yards of the three play drive, including a gallop of 53-yards. The two teams traded scores once again with tailback Anthony Green hitting paydirt for the Zips early in the fourth quarter. The extra point attempt was blocked, however, leaving the Rams with a 28-27 lead and the eventual victory.

Scoring Summary

RI - DiMaggio 3-yard pass from Ehrhardt (Griffin kick)
UA - Tyler 77-yard return of blocked field goal (Klaus kick)
RI - Donfield 21-yard pass from Ehrhardt (Griffin kick)
RI - DiMaggio 4-yard pass from Ehrhardt (Griffin kick)
UA - Rafac 16-yard interception return (Klaus kick)
UA - Clark 1-yard run (Klaus kick)
RI - DiMaggio 3-yard pass from Ehrhardt (Griffin kick)
UA - Green 1-yard run (kick blocked)
RI - DiMaggio 7-yard pass from Ehrhardt (Griffin kick)

| | UA | RI |
|---------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 20 | 31 |
| Rushes/Yards | 55/228 | 12/53 |
| Passes | 22/10/3 | 70/43/2 |
| Passing Yards | 115 | 472 |

UA Individual:

Mike Clark, 13 rushes, 172 yards
Willie Davis, 6 receptions, 79 yards
Brian Moran, 13 tackles

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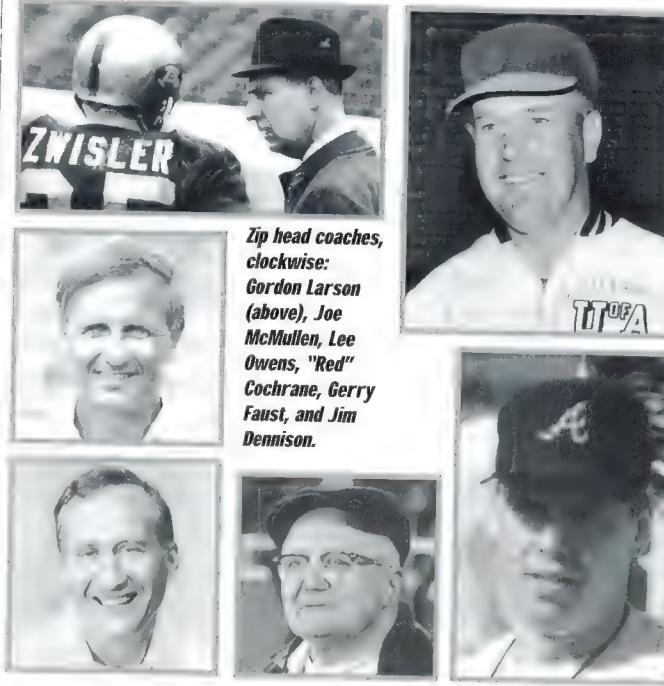
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SERIES/COACHING

SERIES RECORDS

| OPPONENT | FIRST | | | LAST | | | OPPONENT | FIRST | | | LAST | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|-------------|------|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|------|
| | W | L | T | GAME | GAME | GAME | | W | L | T | GAME | GAME | GAME |
| Akron A.C. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1892 | 1892 | | Miami (O.) | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1915 | 1997 | |
| Akron YMCA | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1899 | 1899 | | Michigan State | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1913 | 1914 | |
| Allegheny | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1902 | 1917 | | Middle Tennessee | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1980 | 1986 | |
| Arkansas State | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1988 | 1988 | | Montana State | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1976 | 1976 | |
| Army | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1991 | 1993 | | Morehead State | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1975 | 1986 | |
| Ashland | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1924 | 1931 | | Mount Union | 24 | 24 | 1 | 1893 | 1962 | |
| Auburn | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1988 | 1988 | | Murray State | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1980 | 1989 | |
| Austin Peay | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1980 | 1986 | | Muskingum | 14 | 10 | 2 | 1911 | 1964 | |
| Baldwin-Wallace | 19 | 22 | 3 | 1895 | 1968 | | Navy | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1990 | 1990 | |
| Ball State | 7 | 6 | 1 | 1964 | 1997 | | Nebraska | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1997 | 1997 | |
| Bethany | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1902 | 1909 | | New Mexico | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1988 | 1988 | |
| Boise State | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1979 | 1979 | | New Mexico State | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1988 | 1988 | |
| Bowling Green | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1941 | 1997 | | Nevada-Las Vegas | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1976 | 1976 | |
| Bradley | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1967 | 1968 | | Nicholls State | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1987 | 1987 | |
| Butler | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1965 | 1973 | | Northeast Missouri | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1978 | 1980 | |
| Cal State Fullerton | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1988 | 1990 | | Northern Arizona | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1989 | 1991 | |
| Capital | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1956 | 1965 | | Northern Illinois | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1966 | 1996 | |
| Carnegie Tech | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1938 | 1951 | | Northern Iowa | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1978 | 1979 | |
| Case Tech§ | 9 | 12 | 4 | 1891 | 1951 | | Northern Michigan | 10 | 3 | 0 | 1966 | 1980 | |
| Central Florida | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1984 | 1986 | | Notre Dame | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1910 | 1910 | |
| Central Michigan | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1969 | 1997 | | North Texas State | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1971 | 1971 | |
| Central State | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1974 | 1975 | | Oberlin | 4 | 6 | 0 | 1900 | 1956 | |
| Cincinnati | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1984 | 1992 | | Ohio Northern | 9 | 0 | 1 | 1911 | 1929 | |
| Colgate | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1940 | 1940 | | Ohio State | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1891 | 1895 | |
| Culver Military | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1914 | 1914 | | Ohio St. Reserves | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1931 | 1932 | |
| Davis & Elkins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1937 | 1937 | | Ohio | 5 | 8 | 1 | 1912 | 1997 | |
| Dayton | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1969 | 1977 | | Ohio Wesleyan | 8 | 9 | 0 | 1893 | 1964 | |
| Defiance | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1920 | 1926 | | Oregon State | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1987 | 1987 | |
| Delaware | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1973 | 1975 | | Otterbein | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1913 | 1935 | |
| Delaware State | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1987 | 1987 | | Pittsburgh | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1900 | 1900 | |
| Denison | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1892 | 1961 | | Pittsburgh Lyceum | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1908 | 1908 | |
| Detroit Tech | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1936 | 1940 | | Quantico Marines | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1967 | 1972 | |
| East Carolina | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1991 | 1991 | | Rhode Island | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1985 | 1985 | |
| Eastern Illinois | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1978 | 1989 | | Rutgers | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1990 | 1990 | |
| Eastern Kentucky | 3 | 8 | 0 | 1942 | 1986 | | Salem | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1986 | 1986 | |
| Eastern Michigan | 12 | 9 | 0 | 1949 | 1997 | | San Diego State | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1965 | 1965 | |
| Findlay | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1908 | 1953 | | Camp Sherman | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1917 | 1917 | |
| Florida | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1990 | 1990 | | Southwest Missouri | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1963 | 1964 | |
| Fordham | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1925 | 1925 | | Southern Illinois | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1971 | 1973 | |
| Geneva | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1937 | 1950 | | Tampa | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1966 | 1974 | |
| Grove City | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1957 | 1957 | | Temple | 5 | 9 | 0 | 1967 | 1994 | |
| Gustavus Adolphus | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1973 | 1973 | | Tennessee | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1989 | 1989 | |
| Heidelberg | 15 | 16 | 1 | 1902 | 1966 | | Tennessee Tech | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1981 | 1986 | |
| Hillsdale | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1924 | 1924 | | Toledo | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1923 | 1997 | |
| Hiram | 16 | 6 | 0 | 1892 | 1958 | | Virginia Tech | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1989 | 1996 | |
| Illinois | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1996 | 1996 | | Virginia Military | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1967 | 1967 | |
| Illinois State | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1968 | 1991 | | Wabash | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1938 | 1938 | |
| Illinois Wesleyan | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1937 | 1940 | | Wash. & Jeff. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1939 | 1939 | |
| Indiana State | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1968 | 1980 | | Wayne State | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1937 | 1978 | |
| Indiana (Pa.) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1970 | 1971 | | West Liberty State | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1937 | 1939 | |
| John Carroll | 7 | 3 | 1 | 1934 | 1947 | | West Virginia Tech | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1952 | 1953 | |
| Kansas State | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1995 | 1995 | | W. Va. Wesleyan | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1913 | 1913 | |
| Kent | 20 | 18 | 2 | 1923 | 1997 | | Western Illinois | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1971 | 1979 | |
| Kenyon | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1891 | 1925 | | Western Kentucky | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1965 | 1985 | |
| Lirkwood A.C. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1900 | 1900 | | Western Michigan | 3 | 8 | 0 | 1938 | 1996 | |
| Lawrence Tech | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1946 | 1946 | | Western Reserve§ | 8 | 15 | 2 | 1892 | 1947 | |
| Long Beach State | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1988 | 1988 | | Western Res. Acad. | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1891 | 1893 | |
| Louisiana State | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1997 | 1997 | | Wheaton | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1939 | 1939 | |
| Louisiana Tech | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1968 | 1990 | | Wittenberg | 8 | 11 | 0 | 1914 | 1967 | |
| Louisville | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1948 | 1987 | | Wooster | 20 | 24 | 3 | 1902 | 1966 | |
| Marietta | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1910 | 1914 | | Xavier | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1925 | 1938 | |
| Marshall | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1974 | 1997 | | Youngstown State | 18 | 18 | 2 | 1940 | 1994 | |
| Massillon A.C. | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1893 | 1895 | | Totals | 423 | 395 | 36 | 1891 | 1997 | |



*Zip head coaches,
clockwise:
Gordon Larson
(above), Joe
McMullen, Lee
Owens, "Red"
Cochrane, Gerry
Faust, and Jim
Dennison.*

COACHING RECORDS

| YRS | COACH (ALMA MATER) | YRS | G | W | L | T | % |
|---------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|------|
| 1891 | No Coach | | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | .250 |
| 1892 | Frank Cook | | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | .429 |
| 1893-94 | John W. Heisman (<i>Pennsylvania</i>) | 2 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | .750 |
| 1895 | No Coach | | 1 | 5 | 3 | 2 | .600 |
| 1896 | Harry Wilson | | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .000 |
| 1897-98 | No Games Played | | | | | | |
| 1899 | Archie Eves (<i>Buchtel</i>) | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 |
| 1900 | No Coach | | 1 | 6 | 2 | 3 | .417 |
| 1901 | No Games Played | | | | | | |
| 1902 | Forest Firestone (<i>Michigan</i>) | 1 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 0 | .286 |
| 1903 | Rev. Alfred W. Place (<i>Chicago</i>) | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 |
| 1904-07 | No Games Played | | | | | | |
| 1908 | Dr. Dwight Bradley (<i>Pennsylvania</i>) | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 |
| 1909 | Clarence Weed (<i>Olivet</i>) | 1 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0 | .500 |
| 1910-14 | Frank Haggerty (<i>Colby</i>) | 5 | 41 | 22 | 16 | 3 | .573 |
| 1915-23 | Fred S. Sefton (<i>Colgate</i>) | 9 | 71 | 34 | 33 | 4 | .507 |
| 1924-25 | James W. Coleman (<i>Arkansas</i>) | 2 | 16 | 6 | 10 | 0 | .375 |
| 1926 | George Babcock | | 1 | 9 | 5 | 2 | .667 |
| 1927-35 | Howard "Red" Blair (<i>Ohio State</i>) | 9 | 77 | 42 | 30 | 5 | .578 |
| 1936-38 | James W. Aiken (<i>Wash. & Jeff.</i>) | 3 | 27 | 19 | 7 | 1 | .727 |
| 1939-40 | Thomas W. Dowler (<i>Colgate</i>) | 2 | 18 | 7 | 9 | 2 | .444 |
| 1941-42 | Otis W. Douglas (<i>Wm. & Mary</i>) | 2 | 18 | 5 | 10 | 3 | .361 |
| 1943-45 | No Games Played | | | | | | |
| 1946-47 | Paul Baldacci (<i>William & Mary</i>) | 2 | 17 | 7 | 10 | 0 | .412 |
| 1948-51 | William "Bud" Houghton (<i>Ohio Wesleyan</i>) | 4 | 35 | 7 | 27 | 1 | .214 |
| 1952-53 | Kenneth "Red" Cochrane (<i>Akron</i>) | 2 | 18 | 8 | 9 | 1 | .472 |
| 1954-60 | Joseph H. McMullen (<i>Brown</i>) | 7 | 61 | 30 | 28 | 3 | .516 |
| 1961-72 | Gordon K. Larson (<i>Kent</i>) | 12 | 112 | 74 | 33 | 5 | .683 |
| 1973-85 | James Dennison (<i>Wooster</i>) | 13 | 144 | 80 | 62 | 2 | .562 |
| 1986-94 | Gerry Faust (<i>Dayton</i>) | 9 | 99 | 43 | 53 | 3 | .449 |
| 1995- | Lee Owens (<i>Bluffton</i>) | 3 | 33 | 8 | 25 | 0 | .242 |
| Totals | | 97 | 854 | 423 | 395 | 36 | .517 |

§Combined into Case-Western Reserve

ALL-TIME SCORES

1891

No Coach (1-3)
Capt. Charles Weeks

| BC | OPP |
|----|----------------------------------|
| 22 | at Western Reserve Academy.....6 |
| 0 | Kenyon.....42 |
| 0 | at Case Tech.....42 |
| 0 | Ohio State.....4 |
| 22 | 94 |

1892

Coach Frank Cook (3-4)
Capt. Johnson McLean

| BC | OPP |
|----|--------------------------------|
| 9 | Case Tech*.....14 |
| 0 | at Kenyon.....52 |
| 0 | at Ohio State.....62 |
| 0 | Western Reserve Academy.....52 |
| 4 | Denison.....0 |
| 26 | Akron A.C.....0 |
| 30 | Hiram.....0 |
| 69 | 180 |

*Opened Buchtel Field

1893

Coach John W. Heisman (5-2)
Capt. Carlos Webster

| BC | OPP |
|-----|-------------------------------|
| 54 | Hiram.....2 |
| 0 | Case Tech.....36 |
| 52 | Massillon A.C.....4 |
| 66 | Western Reserve Academy.....4 |
| 18 | at Ohio State.....32 |
| 46 | Ohio Wesleyan.....4 |
| 40 | at Mount Union.....0 |
| 276 | 82 |

1894

Coach John W. Heisman (1-0)
Capt. Frank Fisher

| BC | OPP |
|----|---------------------|
| 12 | at Ohio State.....6 |

1895

No Coach (3-2)
Capt. Frank Rockwell

| BC | OPP |
|----|---------------------------|
| 6 | at Ohio State.....14 |
| 10 | Massillon A.C.....0 |
| 0 | at Baldwin-Wallace.....48 |
| 4 | Baldwin-Wallace.....0 |
| 22 | Massillon A.C.....0 |
| 42 | 62 |

1896

Coach Harry Wilson
Capt. Frank Rockwell

| BC | OPP |
|----|--------------------|
| 0 | Mount Union.....32 |

1897-98

No Teams

1899

Coach Archie Eves (2-1)

| BC | OPP |
|----|-----------------------|
| 10 | Akron YMCA.....0 |
| 11 | Baldwin-Wallace.....0 |
| 5 | Mount Union.....11 |
| 26 | 11 |

1900

No Coach (2-3-1)
Capts. Edson Robinson, Hugh Price

| BC | OPP |
|----|---------------------|
| 0 | Case Tech.....0 |
| 0 | at Oberlin.....33 |
| 28 | Mount Union.....5 |
| 0 | Pittsburgh.....17 |
| 6 | Kenyon.....11 |
| 21 | Kirkwood, A.C.....0 |
| 55 | 66 |

1901

No Team

1902

Coach Forest Firestone (2-5)
Capt. Lawrence Mihills

| BC | OPP |
|----|-----------------------|
| 0 | at Mount Union.....21 |
| 6 | at Allegheny.....23 |
| 11 | Bethany.....6 |
| 0 | Wooster.....56 |
| 0 | Heidelberg.....34 |
| 17 | Hiram.....6 |
| 0 | at Heidelberg.....17 |
| 34 | 163 |

1903

Coach Rev. Alfred Place (0-2)
Capt. John Thomas

| BC | OPP |
|----|-----------------------|
| 0 | at Mount Union.....10 |
| 0 | at Hiram.....33 |
| 0 | 43 |

1904-07

No Teams

1908

Coach Dr. Dwight Bradley (3-4)
Capt. Fred Fuchs

| BC | OPP |
|----|-----------------------------|
| 0 | Wooster.....16 |
| 0 | at Pittsburgh Lyceum.....36 |
| 5 | at Mount Union.....9 |
| 0 | at Hiram.....4 |
| 11 | at Bethany.....10 |
| 10 | Hiram.....0 |
| 6 | Findlay.....5 |
| 32 | 80 |

1909

Coach Clarence Weed (4-4)

Capt. Russell Belden

| BC | OPP |
|----|------------------------|
| 0 | Western Reserve.....24 |
| 0 | at Mount Union.....24 |
| 5 | at Allegheny.....0 |
| 11 | Hiram.....0 |
| 0 | at Mount Union.....11 |
| 6 | at Findlay.....0 |
| 8 | at Hiram.....10 |
| 24 | Bethany.....0 |
| 54 | 69 |

1910

Coach Frank Haggerty (7-2)

Capt. Lee Jackson

| BC | OPP |
|-----|--------------------------|
| 0 | at Western Reserve.....7 |
| 3 | at Oberlin.....0 |
| 31 | Wooster.....0 |
| 40 | Hiram.....0 |
| 0 | at Notre Dame.....51 |
| 5 | at Mount Union.....3 |
| 23 | at Heidelberg.....5 |
| 12 | Allegheny.....6 |
| 22 | Marietta.....11 |
| 136 | 83 |

1911

Coach Frank Haggerty (3-4-1)

Capt. Charles Costigan

| BC | OPP |
|----|-----------------------|
| 48 | Muskingum.....2 |
| 0 | Mount Union.....9 |
| 0 | Hiram.....3 |
| 0 | Marietta.....5 |
| 26 | Ohio Northern.....0 |
| 0 | Western Reserve.....0 |
| 0 | Case Tech.....5 |
| 6 | Allegheny.....0 |
| 80 | 24 |

1912

Coach Frank Haggerty (5-2-1)

Capt. Charles Criss

| BC | OPP |
|-----|-----------------------|
| 3 | Case Tech.....0 |
| 30 | Ohio Northern.....13 |
| 0 | Western Reserve.....7 |
| 33 | Hiram.....3 |
| 0 | at Mount Union.....13 |
| 27 | Ohio.....0 |
| 0 | Allegheny.....0 |
| 12 | Marietta.....0 |
| 105 | 36 |

1913

Coach Frank Haggerty (3-4)

Capt. Ralph Waldsmith

| BC | OPP |
|----|------------------------------|
| 17 | Case Tech.....36 |
| 0 | Allegheny.....6 |
| 38 | Otterbein.....6 |
| 9 | West Virginia Wesleyan.....7 |
| 0 | at Michigan State.....41 |
| 23 | Marietta.....0 |
| 0 | Western Reserve.....7 |
| 87 | 103 |

A**A****A****A****A****A****A****A****A****A****A****1914†**Coach Frank Haggerty (4-4-1)
Capt. Park Crisp

| UA | OPP |
|----------------------------|-----|
| 7 Case Tech..... | 0 |
| 13 Wooster | 0 |
| 7 Marietta..... | 13 |
| 3 Allegheny..... | 3 |
| 13 Kenyon..... | 0 |
| 6 at Michigan State..... | 75 |
| 47 Wittenberg | 3 |
| 6 Western Reserve | 13 |
| 20 at Culver Military..... | 27 |
| 122 | 134 |

† First year as The University of Akron

1915Coach Fred Sefton (1-7-1)
Capt. Harold Sours

| UA | OPP |
|-------------------------|-----|
| 0 Case Tech..... | 26 |
| 6 Miami | 23 |
| 0 Allegheny..... | 10 |
| 0 Oberlin..... | 42 |
| 0 Western Reserve | 53 |
| 7 Wooster | 20 |
| 0 Ohio Northern..... | 0 |
| 0 at Denison | 65 |
| 7 Kenyon..... | 0 |
| 20 | 239 |

1916Coach Fred Sefton (2-7)
Capt. Ollie Driesbach

| UA | OPP |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 53 Baldwin-Wallace | 0 |
| 7 Wooster | 29 |
| 3 Western Reserve | 14 |
| 0 Heidelberg | 6 |
| 0 at Mount Union | 26 |
| 14 at Ohio Northern..... | 7 |
| 6 Denison | 34 |
| 7 Hiram | 34 |
| 0 at Allegheny | 33 |
| 90 | 183 |

1917Coach Fred Sefton (5-3)
Capt. Tommy Tomkinson

| UA | OPP |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 33 Muskingum | 3 |
| 6 Heidelberg | 34 |
| 33 Western Reserve | 0 |
| 6 Wooster | 7 |
| 20 Ohio Northern..... | 0 |
| 20 Mount Union | 0 |
| 25 Camp Sherman..... | 7 |
| 0 at Allegheny | 33 |
| 143 | 84 |

1918Coach Fred Sefton (2-2-1)
Capt. Wilberg Pfahl

| UA | OPP |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 39 Muskingum | 0 |
| 0 Wooster | 26 |
| 0 Mount Union | 21 |
| 30 Baldwin-Wallace | 0 |
| 0 Case Tech..... | 0 |
| 69 | 47 |

1919Coach Fred Sefton (6-1-1)
Capt. Art Haley

| UA | OPP |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| 27 Hiram | 0 |
| 33 at Baldwin-Wallace | 0 |
| 10 Ohio | 6 |
| 24 Ohio Northern | 0 |
| 22 Mount Union | 0 |
| 0 at Wooster | 19 |
| 17 Western Reserve | 7 |
| 6 Case Tech..... | 6 |
| 139 | 38 |

1924Coach James Coleman (5-3)
Capt. Ken Mason

| UA | OPP |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 6 Hillsdale | 18 |
| 7 at Wooster | 6 |
| 2 at Mount Union | 6 |
| 16 Baldwin-Wallace | 0 |
| 7 at Ohio Wesleyan | 17 |
| 20 Ashland | 14 |
| 14 Toledo | 7 |
| 17 Kenyon | 7 |
| 89 | 75 |

1925Coach James Coleman (1-7)
Capt. Joseph Schoch

| UA | OPP |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 3 at Wittenberg | 13 |
| 0 at Ohio Wesleyan | 27 |
| 14 Case Tech | 7 |
| 0 Fordham | 28 |
| 0 Baldwin-Wallace | 6 |
| 0 at Xavier | 19 |
| 0 Wooster | 20 |
| 0 Kenyon | 30 |
| 17 | 150 |

1926Coach George Babcock (5-2-2)
Captain Frank Wargo

| UA | OPP |
|-------------------------|-----|
| 15 Defiance | 0 |
| 14 Case Tech | 14 |
| 3 Ohio | 0 |
| 34 at Hiram | 0 |
| 3 Mount Union | 13 |
| 0 Baldwin-Wallace | 0 |
| 7 Western Reserve | 6 |
| 13 at Wooster | 41 |
| 20 Kenyon | 0 |
| 109 | 74 |

1927Coach Howard "Red" Blair (5-3)
Capt. Ben Baldwin

| UA | OPP |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 19 Hiram | 0 |
| 19 Ashland | 9 |
| 7 at Case Tech | 0 |
| 20 Muskingum | 12 |
| 13 at Mount Union | 14 |
| 14 at Oberlin | 19 |
| 47 Baldwin-Wallace | 12 |
| 6 Wooster | 13 |
| 145 | 79 |

1928Coach Howard "Red" Blair (5-4)
Capt. John Mahoney

| UA | OPP |
|------------------------------|-----|
| 7 Oberlin | 13 |
| 58 at Hiram | 0 |
| 8 Kent | 6 |
| 0 Muskingum | 12 |
| 7 at Western Reserve | 36 |
| 52 Baldwin-Wallace | 6 |
| 13 Ohio State Reserves | 0 |
| 7 at Wooster | 21 |
| 6 Mount Union | 0 |
| 158 | 94 |



1929

Coach Howard "Red" Blair (9-1)
Capt. Harold Frye

| UA | OPP |
|-----|--------------------------|
| 26 | at Toledo.....0 |
| 25 | Kent.....0 |
| 12 | Wooster.....7 |
| 14 | Western Reserve.....7 |
| 2 | at Oberlin.....7 |
| 27 | Hiram.....0 |
| 19 | Ohio Northern.....0 |
| 14 | at Case Tech.....0 |
| 13 | at Baldwin-Wallace.....0 |
| 6 | at Mount Union.....0 |
| 158 | 21 |

1930

Coach Howard "Red" Blair (7-1)
Capt. Ken Cochrane

| UA | OPP |
|-----|-----------------------|
| 41 | Toledo.....0 |
| 12 | Kent.....6 |
| 13 | at Wooster.....6 |
| 12 | Baldwin-Wallace.....0 |
| 7 | Oberlin.....0 |
| 25 | Case Tech.....0 |
| 0 | Heidelberg.....26 |
| 20 | Mount Union.....0 |
| 130 | 38 |

1931

Coach Howard "Red" Blair (1-7)
Capt. Willard Schmittgen

| UA | OPP |
|----|----------------------------|
| 12 | Kent.....6 |
| 7 | Wooster.....25 |
| 7 | Case Tech.....13 |
| 7 | Ashland.....13 |
| 0 | at Oberlin.....6 |
| 0 | Ohio State Reserves.....25 |
| 0 | Baldwin-Wallace.....19 |
| 6 | at Mount Union.....7 |
| 39 | 114 |

1932

Coach Howard "Red" Blair (2-4-3)
No Captain

| UA | OPP |
|----|---------------------------|
| 7 | Ohio State Reserves.....0 |
| 0 | at Case Tech.....19 |
| 0 | at Wooster.....0 |
| 0 | Kent.....0 |
| 4 | at Muskingum.....14 |
| 6 | Baldwin-Wallace.....40 |
| 0 | Heidelberg.....12 |
| 0 | Otterbein.....0 |
| 20 | Mount Union.....6 |
| 37 | 91 |

1933

Coach Howard "Red" Blair (5-3-1)
Capt. Wilson Sparhawk

| UA | OPP |
|----|------------------------|
| 8 | Western Reserve.....19 |
| 19 | at Kent.....6 |
| 0 | Case Tech.....19 |
| 0 | Wooster.....6 |
| 13 | Ashland.....0 |
| 15 | Muskingum.....0 |
| 0 | at Heidelberg.....0 |
| 6 | Baldwin-Wallace.....0 |
| 36 | at Mount Union.....0 |
| 97 | 50 |

1934

Coach Howard "Red" Blair (3-4-1)
Capt. Don Lindsay

| UA | OPP |
|----|--------------------------|
| 7 | at Western Reserve.....7 |
| 26 | Kent.....0 |
| 0 | at Wooster.....6 |
| 0 | at Muskingum.....3 |
| 6 | John Carroll.....14 |
| 13 | Heidelberg.....6 |
| 0 | Baldwin-Wallace.....12 |
| 13 | Mount Union.....0 |
| 65 | 48 |

1935

Coach Howard "Red" Blair (6-3)
Capt. Earl Hensal

| UA | OPP |
|----|------------------------|
| 19 | Findlay.....6 |
| 26 | Otterbein.....0 |
| 3 | Kent.....0 |
| 0 | Wooster.....7 |
| 7 | at John Carroll.....6 |
| 7 | Heidelberg.....6 |
| 0 | Muskingum.....19 |
| 13 | at Mount Union.....0 |
| 6 | Baldwin-Wallace.....26 |
| 81 | 70 |

1936

Coach James W. Aiken (6-2-1)
Capts. Mike Krino, Bob Bauer, Ernie Kaufman

| UA | OPP |
|-----|---------------------------|
| 33 | Detroit Tech.....0 |
| 0 | Western Reserve.....14 |
| 6 | Kent.....0 |
| 14 | at Wooster.....0 |
| 18 | at Muskingum.....6 |
| 33 | John Carroll.....7 |
| 25 | Heidelberg.....0 |
| 7 | at Baldwin-Wallace.....46 |
| 14 | Mount Union.....14 |
| 150 | 87 |

1937

Coach James W. Aiken (7-2)
Capt. William Sturgeon

| UA | OPP |
|-----|--------------------------|
| 40 | West Liberty State.....7 |
| 13 | Wayne State.....19 |
| 7 | Geneva.....0 |
| 21 | at Toledo.....7 |
| 7 | Baldwin-Wallace.....0 |
| 6 | John Carroll.....0 |
| 33 | Davis & Elkins.....7 |
| 12 | Illinois Wesleyan.....7 |
| 0 | at Xavier.....6 |
| 139 | 53 |

1938

Coach James W. Aiken (6-3)
Capt. Walter Kominic

| UA | OPP |
|-----|--------------------------|
| 38 | Wabash.....0 |
| 0 | at Wayne State.....16 |
| 0 | Xavier.....38 |
| 6 | Western Michigan.....0 |
| 20 | at Baldwin-Wallace.....6 |
| 13 | Carnegie Tech.....27 |
| 21 | Illinois Wesleyan.....0 |
| 13 | Toledo.....7 |
| 6 | John Carroll.....0 |
| 117 | 94 |

1939

Coach Thomas Dowler (5-4)
Capt. Dominic Patella

| UA | OPP |
|-----|-------------------------------|
| 33 | Wheaton.....6 |
| 13 | Illinois Wesleyan.....8 |
| 0 | at Western Michigan.....7 |
| 14 | at Miami.....0 |
| 12 | Wayne State.....18 |
| 24 | Washington & Jefferson.....22 |
| 7 | Baldwin-Wallace.....39 |
| 13 | West Liberty State.....7 |
| 6 | John Carroll.....25 |
| 122 | 132 |

1940

Coach Thomas Dowler (2-5-2)
Capt. Mike Fernella

| UA | OPP |
|----|--------------------------|
| 0 | at Detroit Tech.....0 |
| 0 | at Colgate.....44 |
| 0 | Western Reserve*.....6 |
| 6 | Illinois Wesleyan.....16 |
| 7 | at Wayne State.....7 |
| 7 | Baldwin-Wallace.....13 |
| 0 | Youngstown State.....13 |
| 23 | Kent.....7 |
| 47 | John Carroll.....0 |
| 90 | 106 |

*Opened Rubber Bowl

1941

Coach Otis Douglass (5-3-1)
Capts. John Lukas, Andy Maluke

| UA | OPP |
|-----|----------------------------|
| 10 | at Muskingum.....0 |
| 8 | Bowling Green.....0 |
| 6 | Western Reserve.....12 |
| 0 | Ohio.....0 |
| 0 | Baldwin-Wallace.....13 |
| 28 | Ohio Wesleyan.....6 |
| 0 | at Youngstown State.....19 |
| 41 | Kent.....13 |
| 21 | John Carroll.....13 |
| 114 | 76 |

1942

Coach Otis Douglas (0-7-2)
No Captain

| UA | OPP |
|----|-------------------------|
| 0 | Western Reserve.....39 |
| 7 | Muskingum.....7 |
| 0 | at Ohio.....39 |
| 0 | Eastern Kentucky.....6 |
| 7 | at Ohio Wesleyan.....19 |
| 0 | Baldwin-Wallace.....25 |
| 6 | at Wayne State.....28 |
| 6 | Kent.....23 |
| 0 | John Carroll.....0 |
| 26 | 186 |

1943-45

No Teams

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1946

Coach Paul Baldacci (5-4)
Game Captains

| UA | OPP |
|-----|------------------------------|
| 31 | Lawrence Tech |
| 0 | at Baldwin-Wallace |
| 13 | Case Tech. |
| 7 | at Mount Union |
| 13 | Toledo. |
| 13 | at Western Reserve. |
| 26 | Wooster |
| 6 | Kent |
| 13 | John Carroll |
| 122 | 134 |

1947

Coach Paul Baldacci (2-6)
Capt. Danny Senuta

| UA | OPP |
|----|---------------------------|
| 0 | Baldwin-Wallace |
| 12 | at Case Tech. |
| 19 | Mount Union |
| 7 | at Toledo. |
| 0 | Western Reserve |
| 6 | at Wooster. |
| 0 | at Kent |
| 0 | John Carroll |
| 44 | 162 |

1948

Coach William Houghton (2-6)
Capt. Ed Kirkpatrick

| UA | OPP |
|----|------------------------------|
| 14 | at Findlay |
| 0 | at Baldwin-Wallace |
| 12 | at Muskingum |
| 0 | Louisville. |
| 0 | at Mount Union |
| 20 | Wooster |
| 0 | Kent |
| 0 | Heidelberg |
| 46 | 146 |

1949

Coach William Houghton (2-6-1)
Capt. Tony Laterza

| UA | OPP |
|-----|-------------------------------|
| 34 | Findlay |
| 20 | at Eastern Michigan |
| 7 | Baldwin-Wallace |
| 6 | at Louisville. |
| 14 | Mount Union |
| 13 | at Wooster. |
| 6 | Geneva. |
| 0 | at Kent |
| 14 | at Heidelberg. |
| 114 | 257 |

1950

Coach William Houghton (2-7)
Capt. Tony Laterza

| UA | OPP |
|-----|------------------------------|
| 6 | Ohio |
| 40 | Eastern Michigan |
| 6 | at Baldwin-Wallace |
| 6 | at Carnegie Tech. |
| 19 | at Mount Union |
| 34 | Wooster |
| 6 | at Geneva. |
| 7 | Kent |
| 7 | Heidelberg |
| 131 | 185 |

1951

Coach William Houghton (1-8)
Capts. Joe Mazzaferro, Paul Scarpitti

| UA | OPP |
|-----|---------------------------|
| 14 | Case Tech. |
| 7 | at Ohio |
| 16 | Baldwin-Wallace |
| 32 | Carnegie Tech. |
| 7 | Mount Union |
| 6 | at Wooster |
| 7 | at Kent |
| 14 | at Heidelberg. |
| 13 | at Wittenberg. |
| 116 | 252 |

1952

Coach Ken "Red" Cochrane (2-6-1)
Capts. Joe Mazzaferro, Bob Vogt

| UA | OPP |
|-----|------------------------------|
| 6 | at Findlay |
| 27 | Wittenberg |
| 7 | at Baldwin-Wallace |
| 13 | West Virginia Tech. |
| 6 | at Mount Union |
| 14 | Wooster |
| 28 | Hiram |
| 14 | Kent |
| 6 | Heidelberg |
| 121 | 156 |

1953

Coach Ken "Red" Cochrane (6-3)
Capt. Frank Gradyan

| UA | OPP |
|-----|--------------------------------|
| 26 | Findlay |
| 39 | at Wittenberg. |
| 26 | Muskingum |
| 38 | at West Virginia Tech. |
| 16 | Mount Union |
| 20 | at Wooster. |
| 19 | at Kent |
| 0 | at Heidelberg. |
| 14 | Ohio Wesleyan |
| 198 | 210 |

1954

Coach Joe McMullen (3-5)
Capts. John Cistone, Marion Rossi

| UA | OPP |
|-----|----------------------------|
| 7 | Wittenberg |
| 30 | at Ohio Wesleyan |
| 27 | Otterbein. |
| 19 | at Mount Union |
| 26 | at Denison |
| 27 | Wooster |
| 18 | Kent |
| 15 | Heidelberg |
| 169 | 233 |

1955

Coach Joe McMullen (6-2)
Capt. Mario Russo

| UA | OPP |
|-----|------------------------|
| 21 | at Wittenberg. |
| 7 | Muskingum |
| 58 | at Otterbein. |
| 34 | Mount Union |
| 19 | Denison |
| 53 | at Wooster |
| 46 | Oberlin |
| 7 | at Heidelberg. |
| 245 | 73 |

1956

Coach Joe McMullen (3-5-1)
Capts. Jerry Reeves, John Williams

| UA | OPP |
|-----|----------------------------|
| 14 | Wittenberg |
| 28 | at Muskingum |
| 7 | Otterbein. |
| 27 | at Ohio Wesleyan |
| 35 | at Capital |
| 17 | Wooster |
| 40 | at Oberlin |
| 41 | at Mount Union |
| 7 | Heidelberg |
| 216 | 171 |

1957

Coach Joe McMullen (7-1-1)
Capt. Bob Hatherill

| UA | OPP |
|-----|------------------------------|
| 9 | at Wittenberg. |
| 7 | Muskingum |
| 29 | at Baldwin-Wallace |
| 20 | Ohio Wesleyan |
| 13 | Capital |
| 27 | at Wooster |
| 40 | at Grove City. |
| 38 | Mount Union |
| 25 | at Heidelberg. |
| 208 | 87 |

1958

Coach Joe McMullen (6-2-1)
Capt. Dave Adolph

| UA | OPP |
|-----|----------------------------|
| 18 | Mount Union |
| 8 | at Muskingum |
| 0 | at Ohio Wesleyan |
| 11 | Heidelberg |
| 28 | Wooster |
| 6 | Wittenberg |
| 47 | Hiram |
| 48 | at Denison |
| 0 | Baldwin-Wallace |
| 166 | 82 |

1959

Coach Joe McMullen (4-5)
Capt. Gino Calcei

| UA | OPP |
|-----|------------------------------|
| 29 | at Mount Union |
| 6 | Muskingum |
| 0 | Ohio Wesleyan |
| 20 | at Heidelberg. |
| 14 | at Wooster. |
| 0 | at Baldwin-Wallace |
| 28 | Denison |
| 0 | at Wittenberg. |
| 14 | Youngstown State |
| 111 | 155 |

1960

Coach Joe McMullen (1-8)
Capt. Tom Murphy

| UA | OPP |
|----|-------------------------------|
| 0 | Mount Union |
| 0 | at Denison |
| 6 | at Ohio Wesleyan |
| 0 | at Baldwin-Wallace |
| 21 | Wooster |
| 0 | at Muskingum |
| 15 | Wittenberg |
| 7 | Heidelberg |
| 21 | at Youngstown State |
| 70 | 269 |

RECORDS/HISTORY

| 1961 | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Coach Gordon Larson (6-2) | | |
| Capt. Jim Lupori | | |
| UA | | OPP |
| 0 | at Wittenberg..... | 7 |
| 28 | Denison | 0 |
| 32 | Ohio Wesleyan | 21 |
| 12 | at Heidelberg | 0 |
| 31 | at Wooster | 8 |
| 0 | Baldwin-Wallace | 7 |
| 35 | Muskingum | 14 |
| 47 | at Mount Union | 0 |
| 185 | | 57 |
| 1962 | | |
| Coach Gordon Larson (7-2) | | |
| Capt. Tom Adolph | | |
| UA | | OPP |
| 14 | at Muskingum | 6 |
| 13 | Baldwin-Wallace | 7 |
| 41 | at Ohio Wesleyan | 0 |
| 33 | Heidelberg | 6 |
| 42 | Wooster | 0 |
| 46 | at Capital | 12 |
| 13 | at Youngstown State | 17 |
| 6 | Wittenberg | 17 |
| 53 | Mount Union | 0 |
| 261 | | 65 |
| 1963 | | |
| Coach Gordon Larson (6-3) | | |
| Capts. John Lahoski, Chuck Cobb | | |
| UA | | OPP |
| 13 | Muskingum | 0 |
| 10 | at Baldwin-Wallace | 14 |
| 36 | Ohio Wesleyan | 7 |
| 42 | at Heidelberg | 0 |
| 35 | at Wooster | 14 |
| 19 | Capital | 13 |
| 21 | Youngstown State | 7 |
| 13 | at Wittenberg | 34 |
| 12 | at Southwest Missouri State | 13 |
| 201 | | 102 |
| 1964 | | |
| Coach Gordon Larson (6-3) | | |
| Capt. Dick Case | | |
| UA | | OPP |
| 0 | at Muskingum | 11 |
| 17 | Southwest Missouri State | 0 |
| 12 | at Ohio Wesleyan | 11 |
| 0 | Wittenberg | 7 |
| 21 | Wooster | 14 |
| 6 | at Capital | 23 |
| 15 | Baldwin-Wallace | 14 |
| 25 | at Ball State | 15 |
| 20 | Heidelberg | 14 |
| 116 | | 109 |
| 1965 | | |
| Coach Gordon Larson (5-3-1) | | |
| Capt. Jim Barton | | |
| UA | | OPP |
| 6 | Western Kentucky | 6 |
| 0 | at San Diego State | 41 |
| 18 | at Wittenberg..... | 0 |
| 14 | Ball State | 16 |
| 21 | at Wooster | 8 |
| 6 | Capital | 15 |
| 17 | at Baldwin-Wallace | 0 |
| 14 | Butler | 7 |
| 14 | at Heidelberg | 0 |
| 110 | | 94 |

| 1966 | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----|
| Coach Gordon Larson (6-3) | | |
| Capts. Jim Bracco, George Fuciuc | | |
| UA | | OPP |
| 18 | Northern Michigan | 10 |
| 0 | at Muskingum | 28 |
| 12 | at Tampa | 20 |
| 14 | Wittenberg | 7 |
| 26 | Wooster | 0 |
| 9 | Baldwin-Wallace | 6 |
| 18 | at Northern Illinois | 31 |
| 20 | at Butler | 14 |
| 20 | Heidelberg | 0 |
| 137 | | 116 |
| 1967 | | |
| Coach Gordon Larson (4-4-1) | | |
| Capts. Jon Denholm, Craig Hartz, Charlie Marquess | | |
| UA | | OPP |
| 17 | at Northern Michigan | 34 |
| 6 | Tampa | 0 |
| 20 | Quantico Marines | 0 |
| 19 | Youngstown State | 12 |
| 23 | at Baldwin-Wallace | 23 |
| 42 | Bradley | 12 |
| 14 | at Virginia Military Inst. | 38 |
| 0 | at Wittenberg | 14 |
| 21 | at Temple | 22 |
| 162 | | 155 |
| 1968 | | |
| Coach Gordon Larson (7-3-1) | | |
| Capts. Don Zwisler, Nate Hagins | | |
| UA | | OPP |
| 32 | at Butler | 7 |
| 41 | Indiana State | 13 |
| 9 | at Tampa | 24 |
| 7 | Eastern Michigan | 16 |
| 27 | at Bradley | 13 |
| 31 | at Eastern Kentucky | 20 |
| 46 | Illinois State | 0 |
| 59 | Baldwin-Wallace | 19 |
| 14 | at Western Kentucky | 14 |
| 48 | at Youngstown State | 13 |
| Grantland Rice Bowl (Murfreesboro, Tenn.) | | |
| 13 | Louisiana Tech | 33 |
| 327 | | 172 |
| 1969 | | |
| Coach Gordon Larson (9-1) | | |
| Capts. Dave Holian, John Vargo | | |
| UA | | OPP |
| 52 | at Butler | 0 |
| 40 | Tampa | 0 |
| 3 | at Eastern Michigan | 10 |
| 49 | Ball State | 9 |
| 40 | Illinois State | 14 |
| 28 | Eastern Kentucky | 9 |
| 14 | at Dayton | 10 |
| 9 | at Central Michigan | 6 |
| 60 | Youngstown State | 27 |
| 21 | Western Kentucky | 18 |
| 316 | | 103 |
| (Ranked third in final AP College Division Poll) | | |
| (Ranked fourth in final UPI College Division Poll) | | |
| 1970 | | |
| Coach Gordon Larson (7-3) | | |
| Capts. Fred DeHart, Jack Biedleman, Rod Lemon, Joe Zwisler | | |
| UA | | OPP |
| 21 | at Temple | 0 |
| 34 | Butler | 0 |
| 19 | Northern Michigan | 6 |
| 31 | at Ball State | 0 |
| 14 | at Illinois State | 15 |
| 8 | Indiana State | 17 |
| 6 | Dayton | 14 |
| 35 | Central Michigan | 19 |
| 42 | at Youngstown State | 14 |
| 49 | at Indiana (Pa.) | 7 |
| 259 | | 92 |
| 1971 | | |
| Coach Gordon Larson (8-2) | | |
| Capt. Mike Hatch | | |
| UA | | OPP |
| 24 | Butler | 0 |
| 14 | Western Illinois | 7 |
| 10 | Ball State | 7 |
| 20 | at North Texas State | 6 |
| 24 | at Northern Michigan | 17 |
| 43 | Southern Illinois | 21 |
| 7 | at Central Michigan | 10 |
| 10 | at Indiana State | 37 |
| 34 | Indiana (Pa.) | 14 |
| 7 | Youngstown State | 0 |
| 193 | | 119 |
| 1972 | | |
| Coach Gordon Larson (3-4-2) | | |
| Capts. Bruce Walker, Calvin Pierce | | |
| UA | | OPP |
| 13 | Kent | 13 |
| 34 | at Butler | 7 |
| 24 | Western Illinois | 30 |
| 21 | at Ball State | 21 |
| 49 | Northern Michigan | 0 |
| 21 | at Youngstown State | 22 |
| 14 | Central Michigan | 10 |
| 17 | at Indiana State | 21 |
| 0 | Quantico Marines | 24 |
| 193 | | 148 |
| 1973 | | |
| Coach Jim Dennison (6-5) | | |
| Capts. John Maher, Bob Holian | | |
| UA | | OPP |
| 24 | at Delaware | 45 |
| 51 | Butler | 19 |
| 33 | at Temple | 47 |
| 14 | Ball State | 16 |
| 7 | at Tampa | 21 |
| 31 | at Northern Michigan | 7 |
| 31 | Youngstown State | 7 |
| 13 | at Southern Illinois | 14 |
| 31 | Indiana State | 14 |
| 12 | at Western Illinois | 7 |
| 42 | Gustavus Adolphus | 7 |
| 289 | | 203 |

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Coach Jim Dennison (5-5)

| UA | OPP | |
|-----|---------------------|-----|
| 31 | Central State | 20 |
| 0 | Delaware | 14 |
| 7 | at Marshall | 17 |
| 26 | at Ball State | 21 |
| 7 | Tampa | 16 |
| 23 | Northern Michigan | 0 |
| 14 | at Kent | 51 |
| 22 | at Indiana State | 21 |
| 32 | at Western Illinois | 7 |
| 0 | at Youngstown State | 30 |
| 162 | | 197 |

1975

Coach Jim Dennison (7-4)

Capts. Paul Dorando, Mark Fowler

| UA | OPP | |
|-----|----------------------|-----|
| 20 | Marshall | 8 |
| 27 | at Western Michigan | 21 |
| 9 | at Dayton | 31 |
| 34 | Central State | 8 |
| 0 | at Delaware | 21 |
| 30 | at Northern Michigan | 13 |
| 24 | Temple | 23 |
| 17 | Youngstown State | 6 |
| 14 | Indiana State | 11 |
| 14 | Ball State | 17 |
| 0 | at Morehead State | 7 |
| 189 | | 166 |

1976

Coach Jim Dennison (10-3)

Capts. Jim Meyer, Greg Thurman, Mark Van Horn

| UA | OPP | |
|--|------------------------|-----|
| 13 | Temple | 23 |
| 26 | Morehead State | 6 |
| 24 | at Youngstown State | 3 |
| 34 | at Indiana State | 7 |
| 27 | Dayton | 6 |
| 3 | at Ball State | 0 |
| 36 | Eastern Michigan | 0 |
| 0 | at Marshall | 0 |
| 21 | at Western Illinois | 13 |
| 29 | at Western Kentucky | 14 |
| NCAA II Playoffs (Akron) | | |
| 27 | Nevada-Las Vegas | 6 |
| Knute Rockne Bowl (Akron) | | |
| 29 | Northern Michigan (OT) | 26 |
| Pioneer Bowl (Wichita Falls, Texas) | | |
| 13 | Montana State | 24 |
| 282 | | 144 |

1977

Coach Jim Dennison (6-4-1)

Capts. Dave Axner, Steve Cockerham, Charles Parnell

| UA | OPP | |
|-----|----------------------|-----|
| 24 | at Wayne State | 14 |
| 13 | at Morehead State | 13 |
| 24 | Western Kentucky | 3 |
| 0 | at Northern Michigan | 12 |
| 20 | Indiana State | 3 |
| 31 | at Dayton | 24 |
| 10 | Youngstown State | 28 |
| 14 | at Central Michigan | 17 |
| 28 | Eastern Michigan | 42 |
| 28 | Marshall | 7 |
| 42 | Western Illinois | 7 |
| 234 | | 170 |

1978

Coach Jim Dennison (6-5, 4-1 MCC*)

| UA | OPP | |
|-----|-----------------------------|-----|
| 19 | at Western Illinois* | 3 |
| 13 | at Northeast Missouri State | 14 |
| 28 | Wayne State | 0 |
| 17 | Eastern Illinois* | 16 |
| 26 | at Western Kentucky | 21 |
| 14 | at Eastern Michigan | 25 |
| 3 | at Youngstown State* | 27 |
| 27 | Northern Michigan* | 7 |
| 21 | Temple | 56 |
| 14 | at Eastern Kentucky | 35 |
| 39 | Northern Iowa* | 28 |
| 221 | | 232 |

1979Coach Jim Dennison (6-5, 3-2 MCC*)
Capts. Curtis Howard, Bob Maxwell, Dennis McGlone, Paul Winters

| UA | OPP | |
|-----|----------------------|-----|
| 24 | Western Illinois* | 7 |
| 15 | Kent | 13 |
| 21 | at Boise State | 31 |
| 27 | Indiana State | 28 |
| 17 | at Northern Iowa* | 20 |
| 24 | at Eastern Michigan | 12 |
| 3 | Youngstown State* | 16 |
| 45 | Northern Michigan* | 21 |
| 23 | at Morehead State | 17 |
| 6 | at Temple | 42 |
| 27 | at Eastern Illinois* | 16 |
| 232 | | 223 |

1980†Coach Jim Dennison (3-7-1, 2-4-1 OVC*)
Capts. Andy Graham, Ricky Holman, Jim Tawse

| UA | OPP | |
|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| 31 | Northeast Missouri State | 7 |
| 21 | Eastern Kentucky* | 10 |
| 2 | Western Kentucky* | 8 |
| 9 | at Indiana State | 27 |
| 0 | at Youngstown State(*) | 0 |
| 21 | Eastern Michigan(*) | 10 |
| 7 | at Temple | 16 |
| 10 | at Murray State* | 13 |
| 14 | Austin Peay* | 41 |
| 10 | at Northern Michigan | 38 |
| 9 | at Middle Tennessee* | 13 |
| 134 | | 183 |

†First season in NCAA Division I-AA

1981Coach Jim Dennison (5-5, 4-4 OVC*)
Capts. Don Schutz, Dennis Brumfield, Brad Reese

| UA | OPP | |
|-----|----------------------|-----|
| 7 | Middle Tennessee* | 10 |
| 14 | at Eastern Michigan | 7 |
| 6 | at Kent | 17 |
| 0 | at Eastern Kentucky* | 37 |
| 7 | Youngstown State* | 34 |
| 10 | at Tennessee Tech* | 7 |
| 31 | Morehead State* | 14 |
| 20 | Murray State* | 10 |
| 23 | at Austin Peay* | 19 |
| 14 | Western Kentucky* | 19 |
| 132 | | 183 |

1982Coach Jim Dennison (6-5, 5-2 OVC*)
Capts. Rick Addis, Frank Mazgaj, Fred Robertson, Tim Stayer

| UA | OPP | |
|-----|----------------------|-----|
| 20 | at Youngstown State* | 19 |
| 14 | Eastern Michigan | 7 |
| 3 | at Western Kentucky | 10 |
| 10 | Eastern Kentucky* | 19 |
| 19 | at Middle Tennessee* | 16 |
| 0 | at Eastern Illinois | 18 |
| 28 | Morehead State* | 6 |
| 10 | at Marshall | 12 |
| 28 | Tennessee Tech* | 14 |
| 14 | at Murray State* | 16 |
| 42 | Austin Peay* | 7 |
| 188 | | 144 |

1983Coach Jim Dennison (8-3, 5-2 OVC*)
Capts. Dave Arango, James Black, Darren Morgan

| UA | OPP | |
|-----|----------------------|-----|
| 13 | Kent | 6 |
| 13 | at Eastern Michigan | 0 |
| 14 | Western Kentucky | 13 |
| 5 | at Eastern Kentucky* | 10 |
| 3 | Middle Tennessee* | 26 |
| 7 | Eastern Illinois | 10 |
| 31 | at Morehead State* | 0 |
| 6 | Murray State* | 3 |
| 43 | at Tennessee Tech* | 12 |
| 49 | Youngstown State* | 21 |
| 26 | at Austin Peay* | 3 |
| 210 | | 104 |

1984Coach Jim Dennison (4-7, 2-5 OVC*)
Capts. Doug Dillon, Ed Grimsley, Russell Holmes, Clarence Kelly

| UA | OPP | |
|-----|----------------------|-----|
| 17 | at Kent | 24 |
| 27 | at Cincinnati | 28 |
| 42 | Western Kentucky | 7 |
| 21 | Eastern Kentucky* | 22 |
| 3 | at Middle Tennessee* | 16 |
| 26 | at Central Florida | 21 |
| 27 | Morehead State* | 3 |
| 6 | at Murray State* | 13 |
| 17 | Tennessee Tech* | 9 |
| 2 | at Youngstown State* | 3 |
| 17 | Austin Peay* | 21 |
| 205 | | 158 |

1985Coach Jim Dennison (8-4, 5-2 OVC*)
Capts. Gary Kalis, Steve Rafac, Tim Wallace

| UA | OPP | |
|-----|----------------------|-----|
| 6 | at Eastern Kentucky* | 16 |
| 24 | Kent | 0 |
| 16 | Eastern Michigan | 12 |
| 22 | at Bowling Green | 27 |
| 34 | at Western Kentucky | 32 |
| 17 | Murray State* | 10 |
| 38 | at Morehead State* | 9 |
| 27 | at Tennessee Tech* | 9 |
| 30 | Youngstown State* | 5 |
| 0 | Middle Tennessee* | 17 |
| 17 | at Austin Peay* | 14 |
| 27 | at Rhode Island | 35 |
| 258 | | 186 |

(Ranked 10th in final NCAA I-AA National Poll)

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Coach Gerry Faust (7-4, 4-3 OVC*)
 Capts. Mike Clark, Bill Hadden, Brian Moran,
 Ron Pasquale

| UA | OPP |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| 35 | Salem College.....0 |
| 17 | at Kent.....7 |
| 21 | at Eastern Michigan.....24 |
| 20 | Central Florida.....17 |
| 12 | at Middle Tennessee*.....24 |
| 24 | Murray State*.....13 |
| 30 | Morehead State*.....7 |
| 38 | at Tennessee Tech*.....13 |
| 31 | Austin Peay*.....16 |
| 24 | Eastern Kentucky*.....27 |
| 39 | at Youngstown State*.....40 |
| 291 | 188 |

1987†

Coach Gerry Faust (4-7)
 Capts. Doug Knepp, Jay Miller, Gregg Townsend,
 Gary Tyler

| UA | OPP |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| 19 | at Western Michigan.....24 |
| 23 | Kent.....27 |
| 17 | Eastern Michigan.....16 |
| 3 | at Temple.....23 |
| 24 | Eastern Illinois.....10 |
| 26 | at Oregon State.....42 |
| 26 | Delaware State.....52 |
| 10 | at Louisville.....31 |
| 23 | Nicholls State.....17 |
| 27 | at Northern Illinois.....21 |
| 6 | Youngstown State.....10 |
| 204 | 273 |

†First season in NCAA Division I-A

1988

Coach Gerry Faust (5-6)
 Capts. John Buddenberg, Pierce Joiner,
 Robert Lyons, Gary Tyler

| UA | OPP |
|-----|----------------------------|
| 6 | at Northern Illinois.....7 |
| 12 | at Kent.....32 |
| 16 | Central Michigan.....27 |
| 30 | at New Mexico.....28 |
| 33 | at Youngstown State.....7 |
| 12 | Arkansas State.....13 |
| 0 | at Auburn.....42 |
| 40 | Long Beach State.....0 |
| 15 | Cal State Fullerton.....14 |
| 52 | New Mexico State.....7 |
| 17 | Temple.....37 |
| 233 | 214 |

1989

Coach Gerry Faust (6-4-1)
 Capts. Derek Alston, Pierce Joiner, Terry Mays,
 Curtis Williams

| UA | OPP |
|-----|----------------------------|
| 3 | at Virginia Tech.....29 |
| 40 | Kent.....7 |
| 27 | at Central Michigan.....26 |
| 17 | at Youngstown State.....20 |
| 38 | at Bowling Green.....24 |
| 31 | Louisiana Tech.....24 |
| 17 | at Eastern Illinois.....21 |
| 31 | at Murray State.....31 |
| 31 | Cincinnati.....0 |
| 52 | Northern Arizona.....7 |
| 9 | at Tennessee.....52 |
| 296 | 241 |

1990

Coach Gerry Faust (3-7-1)
 Capts. Scott Brown, Brian Hilk, Ozzie Jackson,
 Jeff Williams

| UA | OPP |
|-----|----------------------------|
| 17 | Illinois State.....7 |
| 38 | at Kent.....10 |
| 14 | Central Michigan.....14 |
| 48 | Cal State Fullerton.....17 |
| 23 | at Youngstown State.....28 |
| 20 | Western Michigan.....24 |
| 13 | at Navy.....17 |
| 0 | at Florida.....59 |
| 17 | at Rutgers.....20 |
| 28 | Northern Illinois.....31 |
| 15 | at Louisiana Tech.....36 |
| 233 | 263 |

1991

Coach Gerry Faust (5-6)
 Capts. Eric Drakes, Tyrone Nelson,
 Mike O'Connor, Chris Owens, Tony Stubbs

| UA | OPP |
|-----|----------------------------|
| 12 | at Western Michigan.....35 |
| 3 | Illinois State.....25 |
| 29 | at Central Michigan.....31 |
| 49 | Northern Arizona.....14 |
| 20 | at East Carolina.....56 |
| 38 | Youngstown State.....24 |
| 28 | Arkansas State.....23 |
| 17 | Northern Illinois.....7 |
| 24 | at Virginia Tech.....42 |
| 0 | at Army.....19 |
| 37 | at Temple.....32 |
| 257 | 308 |

1992

Coach Gerry Faust (7-3-1, 5-3 MAC*, T-3rd)
 Capts. Daron Alcorn, Phil Dunn, Vic Green,
 Chris Owens

| UA | OPP |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| 27 | at Eastern Michigan*.....9 |
| 23 | Toledo*.....20 |
| 20 | at Western Michigan*.....24 |
| 13 | at Ohio*.....0 |
| 16 | at Kent*.....20 |
| 22 | at Ball State*.....14 |
| 3 | Bowling Green*.....24 |
| 31 | Central Michigan*.....28 |
| 29 | Temple.....15 |
| 10 | Youngstown State.....10 |
| 24 | at Cincinnati.....22 |
| 218 | 186 |

1993

Coach Gerry Faust (5-6, 4-4 MAC*, 5th)
 Capts. Eric Agosti, Wayne Anderson, Phil Dunn,
 Odell Robbins

| UA | OPP |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| 23 | at Central Michigan*.....13 |
| 42 | Kent*.....7 |
| 3 | at Western Michigan*.....20 |
| 14 | at Army.....35 |
| 31 | Miami*.....13 |
| 7 | at Bowling Green*.....49 |
| 31 | at Temple.....7 |
| 13 | at Ohio*.....21 |
| 19 | Eastern Michigan*.....7 |
| 9 | Ball State*.....31 |
| 0 | Youngstown State.....19 |
| 192 | 222 |

1994

Coach Gerry Faust (1-10, 1-8 MAC*, 9th)
 Capts. DeShawn Brown, Phil Dunn, Darin Ford,
 Mike Lyons

| UA | OPP |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| 7 | Temple.....32 |
| 0 | Bowling Green*.....45 |
| 16 | at Kent*.....32 |
| 6 | at Western Michigan*.....19 |
| 14 | at Miami*.....50 |
| 0 | Central Michigan*.....47 |
| 25 | Toledo*.....48 |
| 7 | at Youngstown State.....41 |
| 18 | at Eastern Michigan*.....42 |
| 28 | at Ball State*.....38 |
| 24 | Ohio*.....10 |
| 145 | 404 |

1995

Coach Lee Owens (2-9, 2-6 MAC*, T-7th)
 Game Captains

| UA | OPP |
|-----|----------------------------|
| 29 | Eastern Michigan*.....49 |
| 12 | at Bowling Green*.....50 |
| 0 | at Kansas State.....67 |
| 16 | Central Michigan*.....13 |
| 3 | at Western Michigan*.....7 |
| 27 | at Virginia Tech.....77 |
| 23 | Ohio*.....29 |
| 14 | Kent*.....6 |
| 10 | Youngstown State.....24 |
| 7 | at Toledo*.....41 |
| 0 | at Miami*.....65 |
| 141 | 428 |

1996

Coach Lee Owens (4-7, 3-5 MAC*, T-6th)
 Capts. Nate Boyd, Mike Junko, Andre McCray,
 Jason Taylor

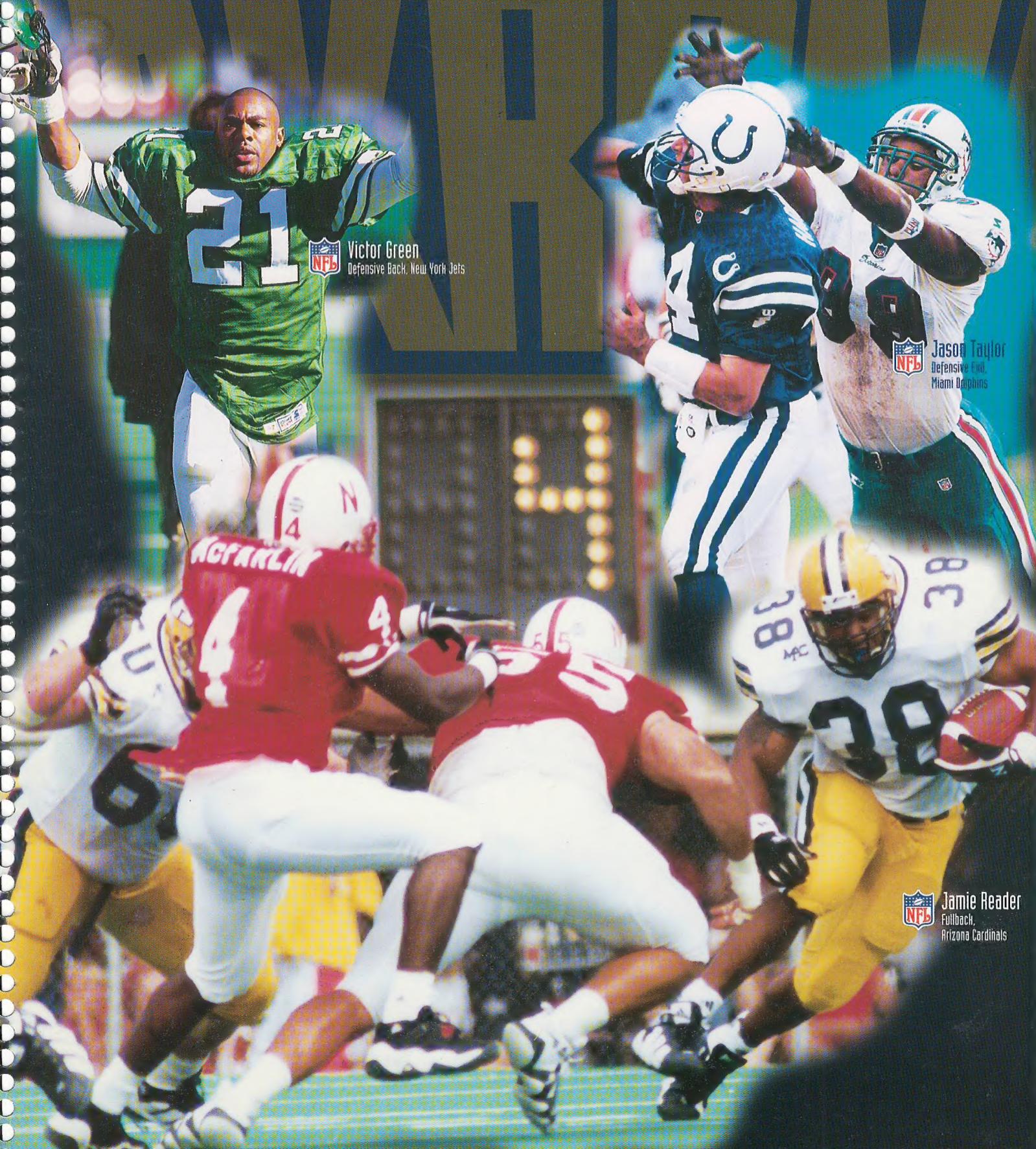
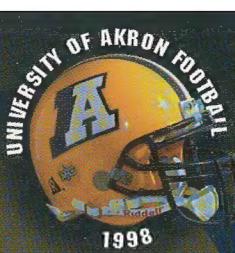
| UA | OPP |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| 14 | at Ohio*.....44 |
| 18 | Virginia Tech.....21 |
| 10 | Toledo*.....27 |
| 7 | at Illinois.....38 |
| 27 | Western Michigan*.....7 |
| 17 | at Kent*.....32 |
| 0 | at Central Michigan*.....42 |
| 10 | Miami*.....7 |
| 34 | at Northern Illinois.....17 |
| 21 | Bowling Green*.....14 |
| 17 | at Eastern Michigan*.....20 |
| 175 | 269 |

1997

Coach Lee Owens (2-9, 2-6 MAC*, 6th East)
 Capts. Nate Boyd, George Germany, Andre
 McCray, Kevin Kuntz, Mike Lagasse

| UA | OPP |
|-----|----------------------------|
| 14 | at Nebraska.....59 |
| 20 | at Miami*.....49 |
| 28 | Bowling Green*.....31 |
| 0 | at Louisiana State.....56 |
| 53 | Central Michigan*.....14 |
| 17 | at Marshall*.....52 |
| 0 | at Eastern Michigan.....45 |
| 17 | Ohio*.....21 |
| 14 | at Ball State*.....31 |
| 45 | Kent*.....35 |
| 10 | at Toledo*.....42 |
| 218 | 435 |

6-Year MAC Composite Record: 17-32 (.347)



NFL
Victor Green
Defensive Back, New York Jets

NFL
Jason Taylor
Defensive End,
Miami Dolphins

NFL
Jamie Reader
Fullback,
Arizona Cardinals



ZIPS' O-LINE

Rex Phillips

Bill Albrecht

Kevin Kuntz

Brock Hansen

Don Messman

Steve Hale

Joe Trudeau

1998 SCHEDULE

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|---------|----------------------------|-----------|--------|----------------------|-----------|
| SEPT 5 | Marshall* [Home-Zip] | 7:00 p.m. | OCT 24 | Toledo* [Homecoming] | 1:30 p.m. |
| SEPT 12 | at Temple [Franklin Field] | 4:00 p.m. | OCT 31 | at Central Michigan* | 1:00 p.m. |
| SEPT 26 | Ball State* | 7:00 p.m. | NOV 7 | at Bowling Green* | Noon |
| OCT 3 | at Pittsburgh | 3:30 p.m. | NOV 14 | Eastern Michigan | 1:30 p.m. |
| OCT 10 | at Kent** | 2:00 p.m. | NOV 21 | Miami* | 1:30 p.m. |
| OCT 17 | at Ohio* | 2:00 p.m. | | | |

* MAC games

All times are Eastern Time